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"Smoke Shop" Opens At Tribal Complex

A Creek Nation tribal tobacco store is now open at the Capital Complex in Okmulgee. The store is located in the main building next to the Principal Chief's office.

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council passed an ordinance (NCA 82-14) authorizing the Division of Tribal Affairs to operate the "Smoke Shop". Under the authorization of the ordinance, a tribal tax is levied against all sales of tobacco

products. The ordinance also authorizes tribal tobacco marketing outlets to be established on tribal lands and individually owned restricted lands by the executive order of the Principal Chief.

The Tobacco Products System was developed to establish a tribal tax base. All profits derived from the enterprise will be placed in the tribal treasury. Employment in the stores will increase economic

activity in the Creek Nation.

Presently, items being sold are limited to a variety of different brand name cigarettes, snuff products, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco and cigars. The store has the capability of filling special orders individuals may want.

Prices vary from item to item, however, substantial amounts can be saved by purchasing tobacco products through the tribal store.



PHYLLIS BERRYHILL PURCHASES CIGARETTES from the Creek Nation Smoke Shop. The shop is open 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Creek Enrollment On-going Process

According to the Creek Nation Citizenship Board's quarterly report issued in January, 1,622 members were enrolled into the Creek tribe during the months of November, December and January. Total enrollment now consists of 9,083.

The enrollment office is located in the main building of the complex and is open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. There is no deadline on enrolling. Enrollment is an on-going process the Creek Tribe will maintain in order to keep an accurate count of its citizenry.

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FIRST FAMILY TO PAY OFF MORTGAGE ON INDIAN HOME--Willie and Martha Phillips, Eufaula paid off their Mutual Help Home four year early by paying additional amounts with their regular house payments. Ron Froman (l), Director of Creek Nation Housing Authority hands over the signed deed to the Phillips after the final payment transaction. The initial lease was signed for 17 years and would not have been due until 1986. Since the beginning of the CN Housing Authority, over 1,300 homes have been built for Indian families within the Creek Nation. The Phillips were among the first to move into their home in McIntosh County. Other families that were also among the first to receive homes will soon have them paid for. Families like the Phillips have helped make the Creek Nation Housing Authority successful.

Summer Youth Work Program

Applications will be taken beginning March 15, at the Creek Nation CETA Office located in the Tribal Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma, Monday thru Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

In order to save time and confusion, it would be helpful if you would bring one of the following documents with you on your first visit: 1) Social Security Card, 2) Proof of Family income: a. Check stub, b. statement from employer, c. social security statement or copy of check d. paycheck stub from AFDC (Welfare) check or copy.

3) Proof of Birthdate; a. school records, b. Drivers license, c. Birth Certificate, d. Degree of Indian Blood Card (CDIB). 4) Proof of home address: a. Utility bill, rent receipt, b. Student's current Driver's license, c. Business letter of envelope showing address.

If you are a high school or college student interested in working during your summer vacation and can meet the following requirements, you may be eligible to participate in the Creek Nation Summer Youth Program: 1) Of Indian Descent (CDIB Requested), 2) At the time of enrollment, age 14 to 21 inclusive, 3) Economically disadvantaged, 4) Reside within the boundaries of the Creek Nation.

Applications under 18 years of age must have parent or guardian's signature on the application. For further information, contact the Creek Nation CETA Office, phone 918-756-8700.

CN Rodeo Set For June 18-19

The Creek Nation Rodeo Club has scheduled their 8th Annual Rodeo for June 18-19 at the Sundown Area west of Henryetta, Oklahoma. Willie Mendell has been selected as the stock contractor for this year's big event which will include Jr. Steer Riding.

Concession booths are available with the first priority to churchs. Church groups should contact Lou Cloud or Pat Presson.

Tickets go on sale April 1 from the Rodeo Club members. There will be a \$25 drawing at each performance on advance tickets only. For more information about the Creek Nation Rodeo contact Lou Cloud, Rodeo Secretary. (918) 756-8700.

(Enrollment cont. from page 1)

It is very important for Creeks to enroll with the Citizenship Board. Only enrolled members are eligible to vote in tribal elections. Currently several tribal programs are limited to enrolled citizens only, such as the Emergency Assistant Fund.

Effective February 9, duplication of enrollment cards will be made at a cost of four dollars per copy, according to tribal ordinance 81-06, Sec. 1009 (B).

Due to the resignation of Virginia Thomas because of poor health, the National Council approved the appointment of Sonny O'Hearn to replace Ms. Thomas' position. Other members include the Chairman, Jonas Dunson; Nettie Scott and Toske Willits. Applications and instruction for enrolling may be requested by writing Creek Citizenship Board, P.O. BOX 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447 or by telephoning the Board at 918/756-8700.

AIRAO Rodeos March Schedule

Two rodeos have been scheduled by the All Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma for March, announced Kenneth Childers, AIRAO President. March 6, a one night performance will be produced by the Hilltop Arena in Muskogee. An entry fee of \$25 will be charged and must be paid by 7 P.M. the evening of the performance.

Timed event stock will be furnished by Hilltop. The bucking stock will be furnished by Moore Rodeo Company.

Books will be open March 4, 12 Noon til 9 P.M.. Entries may be called in at 918-682-4072. Contestants must be members or purchase a permit. Bob Davis, AIRAO Secretary, will be at the arena at 5 P.M. to take entries and sign up memberships. Membership is \$50 and permits \$10. Team ropers will be charged \$25 per person. A Jr. Barrel Racing event is scheduled for \$12 Jackpot.

Another rodeo is scheduled March 27 at Nelagony at the Dodson Sports Arena. More information will be available at the Muskogee Rodeo.

Applications Sought For Creek Princess

Applications are now being accepted for candidates for Creek Nation Princess '82 until May 28. Judging will be based on: 1. Personality, 2. Poise, 3. Traditional Dress (non professional), 4. Talent either traditional or contemporary.

The Pageant is scheduled for June 12, 7 P.M. at the Civic Center in Henryetta. A Tea and Reception is scheduled for the Contestants and judges at the Complex on June 5.

Qualifications for candidate acceptance are: 1. Senior in High School by June 1982 to a Junior in College, 2. Must reside within the boundaries of Creek Nation, unless attending school outside boundaries, 3. Must be 1/4 degree Creek and a member of the Creek Nation, 4. Must never have been married or have a child, 5. Must submit two letters of recommendation from school official, church, tribal official, etc. Girls running in past pageants and meeting the above qualifications are encouraged to apply. All contestants are asked to be escorted; escorts should wear a ribbon shirt and dark trousers.

Prizes will be: 1st-\$200, 2nd-\$150, 3rd-\$100. A \$500 \$150, 3rd-\$100. A \$500 scholarship from the Creek Foundation will also be received by the winner. For more information and applications contact: Steve Wilson at the Tribal Complex, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447 or call 918-756-8700.



MAXINE WATASHE CHECKS INVENTORY for Creek Nation "Smoke Shop" opened recently in the Tribal Complex.

Creek Nation Citizenship Board Legal Notice

This notice to all citizens is printed to inform every citizens of a change in Citizenship Board rules, as required by Tribal Ordinance 81-06, Sec. 1009 (B).


CITIZENSHIP BOARD RULES

1. Duplicate copies of enrollment cards shall be made at a cost of \$4.00 per duplicate, effective Feb. 9, 1982.

Jonas Dunson, Chairman

REVENUE SHARING PUBLIC NOTICE

The Creek Nation has submitted its report on the actual expenditures of Revenue Sharing Funds to the Bureau of Census, this report and supporting documentation are available for public inspection in the Office of the Treasury, Creek Nation Complex, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, March 1, through Friday, March 12, 1982.



Muscogee Nation News

The Muscogee Nation News is a monthly publication of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The offices are located one mile north of Okmulgee, Oklahoma in the Creek Nation Capitol Complex. The office of the MNN is located in the Tribal Mound Building of the Complex.

The purpose of this newsletter is to act as the official publication of the Muscogee Creek Nation and to meet any need of the Creek Nation that is possible through news coverage.

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All editorials and letters will become the property of the Muscogee Nation News. Editorials must be signed by the individual author and include a traceable address.

Deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to the first full week of the meeting of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Any submission must be brought by the MNN office during working hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

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Charla Annette Wilkinson, daughter of Bob and Imogene Wilkinson of Lawton is one of 25 students out of 700 maintaining a 4.0 grade point average at McArthur Junior High at Lawton. Charla is enrolled in a class for exceptional students and carries three honor courses out of her five course curriculum.



WILBURN HILL

Okmulgee Junior Wins Speech Award

Wilburn Hill is a 17 year-old Muscogee (Creek) Indian student at Okmulgee High School. He is a member of the Junior class.

His credits include: 2nd place - Humorous Duet in the Sapulpa Speech Tournament. Qualified for Regional competition. 1st place - Poetry Reading at Missouri Southern State University, there were 89 entries.

He played the role of Merlyn in Lerner and Lowe's "Camelot" which was directed by Ms. Sherri Sheppard. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hill. He plans to go to Oklahoma University and major in communications. His aim is to be the 1st Indian writer-director in Hollywood and win an Academy Award in that field.



BOWLING "CHAMPS"



MICHELLE DEERE



MICHAEL DEERE



CHANA LOMA

Michelle Deere, age 7, was named "Bowler of the Month" for the month of December for the state of Oklahoma. Michelle bowled a high game of 136 in her age division. She is a member of the Oklahoma Youth Bowling Association and participates in a youth league once a week at Gentle Giant Bowl, Eufaula, with her brother, Michael, age 10, who has an average of 134, and a cousin Chana Loma, age 9, who has an average of 96.

Michael received an award for his first 200 game. Chana is listed in "Who's Who" for the state of Oklahoma Youth Bowling Association for having a high series game. They are called the "Thunderbirds" and currently are in 1st place on their league. Michelle has been bowling for two years and has an average of 81. Her hobbies include skateing, basketball and softball.

Michelle and Michael are 4/4 Creek and are the children of Daniel and Susie Deere of Stidham. Chana is the daughter of Ken and Jena Loma, Eufaula. They are the grandchildren of Rev. Dan and Mina Phillips of Stidham. All three attend Stidham Grade School. Michelle and Michael's father is employed with the Creek Nation Headstart Program in Eufaula.

Ten Acres Added to Complex Area For Future Economic Development

Creek Nation has purchased ten acres of additional property adjacent to the tribal Capitol Complex in Okmulgee, announced Bill Fife, Director of Tribal Affairs. The property is located at the corner of Eufaula Street and Highway 75, at the southwest corner of the Complex. This purchase includes 1/2 of the minerals.

Fife said the property was purchased primarily for supportive commercial development. Future development plans call for a motel, restaurant, auto service, and arts and crafts. Portions of the land have been programmed for a Cultural

Presentation Area consisting of a pre-removal Creek Village, recreation area and possibly a museum. Fife stated these plans are not definite, however, they will certainly be considered once any new developments are undertaken.

CN Rodeo Queen Candidates Sought

The Creek Nation Rodeo Queen Committee urges all young ladies between the ages of 18 to 25 (also includes past queen candidates) to enter the annual Creek Nation Rodeo Association Queen contest.

Some of the prizes given in the past have been a \$500 scholarship, belt buckles, cash awards and a possible trip to the National Finals Rodeo in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

For more information contact Phyllis Berryhill at 918-756-8700 ext. 204, Chairman for the Creek Nation Rodeo Queen Committee.

The rules for the contest are as follows: 1) Must be at least 1/4 Creek Indian by blood. 2) Must currently live within the Creek Nation boundaries. 3) Must be single. Must not have been married or get married during her reign as queen, or forfeit her title. 4) Ages 18 - 25. 5) Must be able to ride a horse. 6) \$25.00 entry fee.

College Students Affected by S.S.

College and University students who are currently receiving or who are eligible to receive Social Security benefits will soon be affected by new changes in Social Security regulations.

In order to continue receiving Social Security monthly benefits beyond the age of 18 years, an individual must have been enrolled in an institution of higher education since August 1981. New students who are eligible to receive Social Security payments must be enrolled and attending a college, university or vocational-technical school prior to May 1, 1982 as a full-time student.

No Social Security payments will be made to students in June, July, and August of each year starting in 1982. Also, no cost of living allowances (COLA) will be added to monthly benefits. Students will be experiencing a 25% cut in monthly benefits in September, 1982, and a 25% cut each September thereafter until 1985 when Social Security benefits to students will be phased out.

For more information regarding Social Security benefits contact your nearest Social Security office. Information is also available through the Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity (OIO) Talent Search Education Department at 555 Constitution, Norman, Okla. 73069, 405-329-3737.

COMMUNITY NEWS

OKEMAH INDIAN CLUB

SPONSORS: Jim and Christine Burgess, Charleen Herrod, Liz Dunson and Freeman Zunihco.

Okemah Indian Club attended a Valentine Party at Wetumka Indian Center hosted by Miss Norma Marshall. OIC leaders were introduced and expressed their gratitude for the party and dinner. They invited the Wetumka Indian Club to a skating party. OIC members attending were: Oaks School: Angela Grey, Michael Bowers, J.D. Bowers, Joe Bear, John Severs and Patrick Bear. Okemah Middle School: Lisa Bear, Kathy Harjo, Joe Dunson, Robby Deere, Jesse Scott, Anthony "Beefie" Dixon, and Christine Severs. Okemah High School: Rose Scott, Julie Scott, T. Bear, David Bear, Wendy Dunson, Sharie Dunson, Gwen Taylor Angela Jones, Robin Herrod, Glen Ziork, Ray Jimboy, Dely Deere and Cody Beaver.

A skating benefit was held at the Circle R for Robin Herrod and Shelly Anderson, who have been selected to tour Europe this summer with a musical group. In order to participate, Robin and Shelly have to raise \$2,000 for transportation and lodging. Should any be interested in donating to either student, Robin has an account at Citizen's Bank and Shelly can be contacted at the Okemah High School for donations.

The following Indian students became eligible to be listed on the Okemah Middle School Honor Roll this semester.

6th grade: Wendy Phillips, daughter of Martin and Betty Phillips, Rt. 4 Okemah, Ok. 7th grade Traci Pringle, daughter of Doris Pringle Rt. 3 Okemah, Ok. 8th grade: Maggie Hicks grand daughter of Lloyd and Nancy Hicks Rt. 4 Okemah, Ok.



CREEK STUDENTS TO TOUR EUROPE--Two Okemah High School students, Robin Herrod (left) and Shelly Anderson (right) will tour Europe this summer with 34 other students as the American Musical Ambassadors. Robin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herrod and Shelly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fredo (Chubby) Anderson.

DEWAR INDIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

By Ruby Gooden

The Dewar Indian Community members met at the school cafeteria Feb. 1, 1982. Meeting was called to order by chairman George Hicks, invocation by Rev. Lewis Bible. Ron Scott and Steve Wilson of the Creek Nation Community Services, were present with information about the new Community Building and other

projects. Mr. Scott stated that arrangements have been made to purchase almond colored kitchen range and refrigerator. They will hopefully be installed Wed. Feb. 3. The floor tiles are almost all laid. Due to previous time limited obligations, the contractor has been able to work only nights on the building but it should be ready for occupancy by March 1st. The Creek Nation, as owner of the building requires that all work on the building be completely finished, inspected and approved before it can be occupied. We will be having open house one day next month, so be sure and watch for the opening in the newspaper. We'll be happy to move in. We also invite the public to attend our open house.

We also have a committee headed by Nannie McNac, making quilts to sell to help raise money to help furnish the new building. A collection was taken up to help buy more materials for more quilts. Volunteers are also needed to help with the tacking of these. Anyone interested in buying one of these

quilts may do so by contacting Mrs. McNac or George Hicks. Anyone wishing to donate materials may also contact these people.

The Dewar Indian Community has been asked to sponsor the Saturday lunch at the Annual Physician's meeting to be held at the Creek Nation Complex at Okmulgee in July. There will be more discussion on this at our next meeting.

Plans were also finalized for our dinner that was held Feb. 13th. We wish to thank the Henryetta Freelance and Okmulgee Daily Times for their help in making this a big success. If you missed the dinner, you missed a treat, but we will be having a wild onion dinner before long in our new building so keep watching and listening for this.

Motion was made to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Lewis Bible. Attending were: Charley and Judy Johnson, George and Mollie Hicks, Louise Watson, Nannie McNac, Leah Davis, Bertha Hope, Lewis Bible, Eliza Hicks and Ruby Gooden. We invite all residents of Dewar, Hoffman, Hitchita, Tiger Mountain, Wilson and surrounding areas that have any Indian Blood of any kind to come out and support this Community Program since this is your program and for your benefit. There are only about 16 active members and we're sure there is more that could be involved. If you care about your Community and your Indian people, please come out and

support it.

Rev. Lewis Bible and Deacon George Hicks of the Grave Creek Indian Baptist Church at Hitchita wish to invite you to come and visit them every Sunday except the 3rd. Sunday of each month, for Sunday School at 10:00 a.m., Church Services, at 11:00 a.m. and fellowship dinner at 12:00 noon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Freeman recently celebrated their 51st anniversary. They have 8 children, 6 boys and 2 girls. They are Mary Arkeketa, Sand Springs, Donna Rhodes, Tulsa, Rich and John Freeman, Tulsa, Patrick of Baldwin City, Kan. Jess Freeman, Okla. City, Ted Freeman, Scotland, and William Freeman of Tahlequah. We wish them many more happy anniversaries.

Richard Larney's brother Tom is in the Okemah Hospital. He has suffered a stroke. He is reported to be doing better but wishes everyone's prayers.

Our next meeting is March 1.

CASTLE

By Christine Henneha

Castle Indian Community meeting for February was cancelled due to the death of one of the Senior Citizens. The meeting will be the next week date.

Rebecca Beaver, Creek Indian age 12 in the 7th grade at Okemah school, was nominated for a band sale at Weleetka school on February 24, 1982. She plays the Baretone. Rebecca is the daughter of Earnestine Henneha of Castle and Tom Beaver of Wewoka.

Benefit Stomp dance and birthday dance will be held at Seminole Meksukey Mission on Feb. 27, 1982. South of Seminole, Ok. Fishpond Ground will sponsor the stomp dance by Tema Tiger. The birthday is for Matthew Henneha son of Wiley and Valeria Littlecreek, of Castle area, everyone is invited to come.

One of our Elderly Senior citizens Mrs. Lena Sands 80 years died Feb. 3rd. Survivors include three sons, Earl, Lemley, and Jonas Sands, and one daughter Edith Hicks all of Castle area.

NOTICE!!

Will whoever borrowed the Creek Princess buckskin dress please either return it to the Principal Chief's office as soon as possible or contact that office in order to make arrangements for its recovery.

CORRECTION

The birth announcement in the last paragraph of the Kellyville News in the January issue of the Muscogee Nation News was in error. The announcement should have read: Born to Louis and Nikki Brown a boy, Patrick Wayne on December 19th, 1981. Proud grandparents are Wilma and Delbert Dunn, and Mrs. Lorene Brown.

MORE COMMUNITY NEWS. . .

Roberts Celebrate Birthdays

Cainey and Stella Roberts of the Nuyaka Indian Community were honored with a birthday dinner on February 13, 1982 at their home. They were honored by their children, Carney Roberts, Pat Pigeon, Patty Factor, Roy Roberts and Wynema Roberts. They also have a son, Cainey Jr., who is stationed with the Air Force in Germany, and another daughter, Louise McNac of Kentucky who were unable to attend.

Those attending the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Carney Roberts,

OKMULGEE

By Pearl Thomas

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Cora Derrisaw and opened with a prayer by Secretary Pearl Thomas.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved by the community. Claude Cox made a motion to accept the Treasurer report and Martha Chalakee seconded. Motion was carried.

It was not in the minutes of the last meeting that the community will serve a meal during the conference of the Association of American Indian Physicians to be held at the Creek Nation this summer.

Ron Scott gave a report on the proposed community building. There seems to be a holdup from the HUD office. He explained the steps and procedures that must be followed before the actual building can be built.

Chief Cox gave a report on tribal business. Due to cutbacks on federal monies, many budgets are being reduced or cut out altogether. The 82' monies have not come in as yet. He has urged all citizens of the Creek Nation to write letters to the Chief's office supporting plans that have been drafted for programs such as: Tribal Operations, Community Development, Scholarships, Elderly and Health Services. These will be printed in the Muscogee Nation News.

Drawing for the door prize was won by Webster Chalakee. Paul McCurtain, Okmulgee Middle School Title IV Counselor, made the announcement that plans are being made for the Title IV banquet. February 8, will be the next meeting. Pearl Thomas will provide the next door prize.

Sympathy cards are to be sent to Eliza Mae Hicks in the death of her mother Ethel Freeman. The funeral was held at Newtown Church, January 14.

There were (23) twenty-three people in attendance at the January meeting. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Cora Derrisaw. Bingo and cake walk was held after the business meeting.

Matthew and Jerome; Mrs. Patty Factor, Lou and Gwen; Roy Roberts; Wynema Roberts, Jason and Joe Leitka; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Douglas, Bruce and Alisha all of Okemah. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pigeon, Sandra Steve and Beverly; Dennis Underwood, Steve Wilson, Jody Bemo and Gina, Linda Cusher and Cindy; Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Jones, Jennifer, Harriet and Brenda; Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Jones; Fred Jones, Bryan and Patrick; Paul Jones; Amelia Brown, Kenneth "Jag" Tiger, all of Okmulgee. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Whitetree and Missy, of Beggs. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Freeman and children of Sapulpa. Velma Roberts, Tony, Kendall, Russell and Karen of Seminole. Judy Sewell of Tecumseh.

Grimes Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grimes of Henryetta, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on February 3, 1982. Mr. and Mrs. Grimes were married in a church ceremony at Henryetta, on Feb. 3, 1932. The couple was honored with a reception at the First Indian Baptist Church of Okmulgee on Feb. 3. Those attending the reception and honoring the couple were: Rev. and Mrs. Bridge Chuckluck, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Belvin, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gee, Randy, Debbie and Quannah Gee, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Kelly, Mrs. Mary Shirley, Mr. and Mrs. Willie Pigeon, Sandra and Beverly Pigeon, David, Wayne and Christie Chuckluck, Ella Bointy, Mrs. Linda Bacon, Jo Ellen and Greg Bacon, Mrs. Bessie McNac, Dennis Underwood, Mrs. Melissa McCoy, Angie Underwood, and other friends.

The Enrollment Board would like to announce that there is no deadline on enrolling. Persons needing applications and instructions for enrolling as citizens may request them by writing:

CITIZENSHIP BOARD

P.O. BOX 580

OKMULGEE, OK. 74447

or by calling:

CITIZENSHIP BOARD OFFICE

918/756-8700 at the Creek Nation Complex.

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DEATHS

DOUGLAS FISH

Funeral Services for Douglas Herbert Fish, 48, were conducted Tuesday Feb. 23, at the Shurden Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Roy Hamm officiated the services.

Interment was in the Fish Family Cemetery under the direction of the Shurden Funeral Home.

Mr. Fish died Feb. 18 from injuries received in an auto accident. He was born June 11, 1933. He was preceded in death by his sister, Lorene Capehart in 1981 and by a brother, Barney Fish.

Survivors include one son, Jerry Fish, Henryetta, a daughter, Judy Johnson, his mother, Julia Fish, two brothers Eddie Fish all of Henryetta; Calvin Fish, of Arkansas, four sisters, Priscilla Wayburn, Okemah, Melissa Luellen, Sapulpa; Mary Dearman, Mounds; and Oma Davis of Henryetta, and six grandchildren.

Easter Dinner Set for Elderly

The Creek Nation Annual Elderly Easter Dinner and Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 8 at the Complex. Services will begin at 11:00 A.M. conducted by Rev. Solomon Bullett, pastor of Little Cussetah Indian Baptist Church at Sapulpa. There will be door prizes, also prizes for the eldest man and woman attending, the eldest travelling the longest distance to attend, the eldest with the most grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and the prettiest Easter bonnet. 1st., 2nd., and 3rd. prizes will be given in the egg hunt contest. Volunteers are needed for hiding eggs and should contact Bonnie Gibson at 756-8700 ext. 289.

A Mother's Day Dinner is also scheduled at the Complex May 7 with Rev. George Miller conducting services. On June 18, a Father's Day Dinner is scheduled with the site to be announced at a later date. Rev. Jim Cahwee will conduct services for the Fathers. Steve Wilson asks everyone to remember lunch is served daily at the Nutrition Center in the Complex at noon.

REVIVAL GLENPOOL INDIAN BAPTIST MISSION

MARCH 25, 26 & 27

7 P.M. NIGHTLY

EVANGELIST: RONNY MCINTOSH

841 E. 141st - GLENPOOL

REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday School 10:00 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

Wednesday Worship 7:00 P.M.

PASTOR: WOODROW FOURKILLER

REV. TONEY HILL

Funeral services were held Feb. 16, at the Thlophlocco Methodist Church for Rev. Toney Hill. Rev. Almer Berryhill and Benson Wallace officiated at the services.

Rev. Hill was born July 14, 1897 at Tiger Flat, the son of Lena Tiger and William Hill. He died Feb. 12 at Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah, at the age of 84.

He had lived most of live in Huges and Okfuskee counties and was a retired Methodist minister. He was a member of the Thlophlocco church and held many official posts and chairman seats in the Creek Nation. He was a WWI army veteran and member of the Wetumka American Legion Post for 60 years.

Survivors include his wife, Anita, of Tecumseh; one daughter Beatrice Bell, of Tulsa, one son Joe Kenneth Hill, of Washington state; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Casketbearers were Gene Dunson, Jonas Dunson, Watie Fish, John Edmistine, David McKinney and Jimmy Johnson.

Interment was in Wetumka cemetery under the direction of Buckley Funeral Home.

REV. WILLIAM SMITH

Services for Rev. William Smith, 61, of 807 N. Beard was held January 16, at the Wewoka Indian United Methodist Church with Rev. James Spencer and Rev. Vernon Haney officiating.

Rev. Smith died January 13, in a local hospital, Mission Hill in Shawnee, Ok. He was born May 20, 1920 in Wetumka. Rev. Smith was the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Jeffery Smith.

Survivors include his wife Mrs. Julia Smith of the home, one son William Smith Jr. a sister Mrs. Lucy Yahola of Wetumka, one niece Minnie J. Anderson of Enid, Ok.

GEORGE J. FISH

George J. Fish, 72 of Sand Springs, passed away Saturday Feb. 20.

Survivors include his wife, Ima of the home; daughters, Laverne Norris, Turlock, Ca. Judith Baldwin, of Tulsa, Carolyn Holland, Taipei, Taiwan; sons Victor, Houston, and Elmer of Sand Springs, Stanley and Louis of Tulsa, Curtis of Cherokee, NC. George Wallace of Tulsa; 19 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren.

Service were held Tuesday Feb. 23, at the Mobley-Dodson Chapel. Interment was at the Ada Brown residence in Dustin, Ok.

Unapproved Minutes of January 30, 1982 Meeting

Muscogee National Council Minutes

Kenneth Childers called the meeting to order at 10:20 A.M. There were eight members present: Helen Chupco, Richard Larney, Andy Bible, Kenneth Childers, Nelson Johnson, Clarence Cloud, Thomas McIntosh, and Carney Roberts. A quorum was declared and all business transacted is declared valid and entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. The Speaker announced there was not a parliamentarian to fill the vacancy of the recently resigned office and he was appointing Robert Trepp to act in that position during the January 30, 1982 Quarterly Meeting.

Minutes of the December 25, 1981 meeting were mailed prior to this meeting and the Chair entertained a motion for approval or disapproval of the minutes. A motion was made by Richard Larney and seconded by Carney Roberts approving the minutes as read. By unanimous vote of approval the minutes were approved and the transaction was entered into the Creek Nation code of Law as such. A request was made for an amendment to be made to the last paragraph of page three of the minutes of the January 9, 1982 meeting by correcting the voting results from "eight in favor to seven in favor". A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Johnson to approve the amendment as stated. By unanimous vote of approval, the amendment was approved and will be corrected and recorded as such. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Bible to approve the minutes as amended. Motion was carried, the minutes of January 9, 1982 Special Meeting was approved and will be recorded as such.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS: There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS: Ordinances:

NCA 82-10 entitled "An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending the Tribal contracts Ordinance to Provide for Additional Authorization for Tribal Services Contracts", was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 81-62, the Tribal Contracts Ordinance, is hereby amended at Section 153 (A) (4) as follows: The word "Reserved" is deleted and (B) in its place, the phrase "Commodity Distribution Program" is inserted. Section 102. Tribal Ordinance 81-62, the Tribal contracts Ordinance is hereby amended as follows: (A) Following the phrase "3363 Indian Action Program", the following language is inserted: "Including Business Development, Agriculture, Water Resources Development, Parks and Wildlife, and Employment Assistance". A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Bible to approve NCA 82-02 as read. By unanimous vote of approval, NCA 82-02 hereby stands adopted as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as an Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending the Tribal Contracts Ordinance to provide for additional authorization for Tribal Services Contracts.

NCA 82-03 entitled "An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending the Emergency Aid Guidelines" was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance 81-97 is hereby amended at Section 101 (d), as follows: A. Section 101 (D) is amended to read: Emergency, for the purpose of this ordinance, an emergency is defined as a natural disaster, fire, grave opening, or other situations for which no other assistance is available." The Chair entertained a motion for approval or disapproval. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Johnson to approve NCA 82-03 as read. By unanimous vote of approval NCA 82-03 stands adopted and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

NCA 82-04 entitled "An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing the Principal Chief to Print copies of the Muscogee Nation Constitution as Amended" was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that A. Two amendments were submitted to the 1979 Muscogee Nation Constitution to the tribal voters in the regular election of October 8, 1981. B. The amendment respecting the terms of members of the National Council did not receive a two-third vote of approval. C. The amendment respecting the election of unopposed candidates for tribal office did receive two-thirds vote of approval, and was ratified. D. It is necessary to print the 1979 Constitution as amended. E. The 60 day limit for the Department of the Interior has expired. Section 102. The Principal Chief is authorized to print copies of the Muscogee Nation Constitution as amended. Amendments: None. Discussion: None. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Cloud to adopt NCA 82-04. Motion carried by unanimous vote of approval and will be recorded into the Creek Nation Code of laws as such.

NCA 82-05 entitled "An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Confirming an appointment by the Principal Chief to the Housing Authority Board" was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The nomination by the Principal Chief of Anthony (Tony) Hale, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, to serve upon the Housing Board is hereby confirmed by the National Council to complete the unexpired term of Clarence Cloud, as provided by ordinance. Discussion was held on Hale's character and inquires made as to why he was not available at the meeting in order for the Council to ask questions of him. The Chief made a recommendation of his behalf and asked the Council to consider Hale for the position. Amendments: None. The Chair made a motion for the approval or disapproval of NCA 82-05. A motion was made by Cloud and seconded by McIntosh to TABLE NCA 82-05. *Note: In reference to item 13 of the Rules of Procedures adopted by the Council, it was necessary for the Speaker to vote in order to break a tie, thereby causing the final voting results to be: Three in favor, three abstentions, two against. Voting results were: Cloud-Yea, Roberts-Abstain, Larney-Abstain, Bible-Abstain, Chupco-No, Childers-Yea, Johnson-No, McIntosh-Yea. By majority vote, NCA 82-05 was Tabled and will be recorded as such in the Creek Nation code of Laws.

NCA 82-06 entitled "An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Confirming the Appointment by the Principal Chief to the Election Board" was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The nomination by the Principal Chief of Jonas Partridge, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, to serve

upon the Election Board is hereby confirmed by the National Council, to complete the unexpired term of Maxine Watashe, as provided by ordinance. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by McIntosh to adopt NCA 82-06. Motion carried by unanimous vote of approval.

NCA 82-07 entitled "An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Confirming an Appointment by the Principal Chief to the Citizenship Board" was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The nomination of William Raiford, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, to serve upon the Citizenship Board is hereby confirmed, to complete the unexpired term of Virginia Thomas, as provided by ordinance. A motion was made by McIntosh and seconded by Larney to TABLE NCA 82-07. A roll call vote was taken with five in favor, two against, no abstentions. Voting results were Cloud-Yea, Johnson-No, Chupco-No, Roberts-Yea, Larney-Yea, McIntosh-Yea. Motion carried to TABLE NCA 82-07.

NCA 82-08 entitled as "An Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation Confirming an Appointment by the Principal Chief to the Citizenship Board" was read as follows: Section 101. The nomination by the Principal Chief of Raymond O'Hern, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, to serve upon the Citizenship Board is hereby confirmed by the National Council, to complete the vacant term as provided by ordinance. There was no discussion or amendments. A motion was made by Richard Larney and seconded by Carney Roberts to adopt NCA 82-08 as read. Motion was carried by unanimous vote and NCA 82-08 stands adopted and entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

NCA 82-09 entitled "An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation confirming an Appointment by the Principal Chief to the Board of Economic Affairs" was read and considered as follows: The nomination by the Principal Chief of Jack Rumsey, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, to serve upon the Board of Economic Affairs is hereby confirmed by the National Council, to complete the unexpired term of Nelson Johnson, as provided by ordinance. No discussion or amendments. Motion for approval or disapproval. Motion was carried to approve the nomination of Jack Rumsey to the Board of Economic Affairs.

NCA 82-10 entitled as "As Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation Authorizing the Principal Chief to Employ Dan Chamberlain as Director of Fiscal Management Services" was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Under the provisions of Tribal Ordinance NCA 81-40, the prior consent and express consent of the National Council is hereby granted to the Principal Chief to employ Dan Chamberlain in the capacity of Fiscal Management Services. A motion was made by Carney Roberts and seconded by Clarence Cloud to DISAPPROVE NCA 82-10. Voting results: four in favor, three against no abstentions. Voting results by roll call: Cloud-Yea, Johnson-No, Chupco-No, Larney-No, Roberts-Yea, Andy Bible-Yea, McIntosh-Yea. Motion carried to DISAPPROVE the employment of Dan Chamberlain as Director of Fiscal Management.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA: (1) Approving the Principal Chief's Plan for Tribal Judgement Funds received from claims against the United States. (2) Confirming the nomination of Greg Stidham to serve in the Office of the District Court Judge. (3) Requesting the telephone credit cards for the National Council members (4) Requesting the purchase of a tape recorder to be used by the National Council. A motion was placed by Carney Roberts and seconded by Nelson Johnson to place the named items on the agenda for consideration by the National Council. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

NCA 82-11 entitled as "An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Approving the Principal Chief's Plan to Program Tribal Judgement funds Received from claims against the United States." Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: 1. The Principal Chief has properly advertised and conducted a Hearing on the subject of his proposed use of tribal funds received from claims against the United States. 2. The Principal Chief has presented his plan to the National Council as required by Ordinance. 3. The Principal Chief's plan is in the form of a proposed Act of Congress for submission to the Congress of the United States for enactment into law. The ordinance having been read, the Chair opened the floor for discussion. The Speaker advised the Council of having received a petition from Irene Cleghorn and that the petition was being forwarded to the Office of the Principal Chief and to include this as a recommendation to distribute tribal funds in a form of per capita payment. The Chief explained the importance of having the plan. He also advised the citizens in attendance of how widely publicized this issue had been made, and that the next hearing would also be published in the various newspapers within the Creek Nation area. The Chair entertained a motion for approval or disapproval of the ordinance NCA 82-11. A motion was made by Richard Larney and seconded by Nelson Johnson to approve NCA 82-11. Motion carried unanimously.

NCA 82-12 entitled "An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Confirming the Nomination of Greg Stidham to serve in the Office of District Court Judge, was read and considered as follows: Section 100. Be enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled: Section 101 The nomination by the Principal Chief of Greg Stidham of McIntosh District to serve in the Office of the District Court Judge is hereby confirmed by the National Council for a term ending January 31, 1983. Ordinance having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Thomas McIntosh and seconded by Nelson Johnson to approve NCA 82-12 as read. Motion carried. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval, NCA 82-12 entitled as "An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Confirming the nomination of Greg Stidham to serve in the Office of District Court Judge was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. *Note: During the reading to this ordinance, Mr. Larney received an emergency phone call and found it was necessary to be excused for the rest of the session.

NCA 82-13 entitled as an "Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing the Principal Chief to Identify available funds to be expended by the National Council. The Ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Prior to March 1, 1983 the Principal Chief shall authorize funds to be expended during the third and fourth fiscal quarters of the 1982 year for: A. National Council - 1) A tape recorder for office use, 2) Ordering of stationary, 3) Telephone Credit Cards limited to \$600 monthly. Ordinance having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Carney Roberts and seconded by Helen Chupco to delete the words "\$600 monthly". Motion carried. The recommended deletion was made and will be recorded as such. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval or disapproval of NCA 82-13 as amended; Motion carried.

At this point in the meeting Nelson Johnson requested that an Ordinance entitled as "Establishing the Tribal Tobacco Outlets" be placed on the agenda for consideration. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval or disapproval of placing the above item on the agenda for consideration: A motion was made by Nelson Johnson and seconded by Carney Roberts to place NCA 82-14 on the agenda for consideration. Motion carried. The above item will be placed on the agenda with the number NCA 82-14. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **TITLE ONE. TRIBAL TOBACCO MARKETING. Section 101.** The Tribal Tobacco Marketing System is hereby established within the Executive Branch of the Muscogee Nation, Office of the Administration, Division of Tribal Affairs, subject to the provisions of the Ordinance. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to expend available funds to purchase tobacco products. Expenditures of available funds, including profits of the Tobacco Marketing System, are hereby authorized for Fiscal Year 1982, 1983 and 1984. **Section 103.** Tribal Tobacco products purchased under Section 102 shall be taxed, at time of their sale, at the following rates effective April 1, 1982: A. Cigarettes: \$0.009 per pack of twenty cigarettes. B. Cigars: (reserved) per cigar. C. Pipe Tobacco (reserved) per ounce. D. Chewing Tobacco: (reserved) per ounce. E. Snuff: (reserved) per ounce. **Section 104.** A. Tribal Tobacco Marketing System outlets may be established upon tribal lands by Executive Order of the Principal Chief. B. Tribal Tobacco Marketing System outlets may be established upon individual restricted lands by Executive Order of the Principal Chief, provided, that the consent of the landowner is obtained in writing. **Section 105.** The Tribal Tobacco Marketing System shall not sell tobacco. A. On land which is not tribal land or on lands which are not held in restricted status by a Muscogee (Creek) Indian. B. To persons who are less than eighteen years of age. **Section 106.** Each unit of the Tribal Tobacco Marketing System is required to keep such financial and operational records as may be required by the Principal Chief. **Section 107.** The Principal Chief is authorized to issue such regulatory rules and regulations as may be required for the following purposes:

A. Tribal Purchases of Tobacco. B. Distribution of tobacco to Marketing units; tobacco prices. C. Collection of tobacco tax. D. Financial and operational records. **Section 108.** Rules and regulations issued under section 109 of this Ordinance shall be forwarded to the National Council at the next Planning Session following their issuance, and shall be required to be posted in each unit of the tribal tobacco marketing system. **Section 109.** The Principal Chief is authorized to establish, increase or decrease and expend an Overhead rate as necessary to: A. Reimburse the tribal Treasury for funds appropriated under Section 102 of this Ordinance. B. Enlarge the working capital fund of the Tribal Tobacco Marketing System. C. Reimburse the Division of Tribal Affairs for necessary expenses of the Tobacco Marketing System. **Section 110.** A. Profits of the tribal marketing system shall be used to provide for the necessary expenses of the Tobacco Marketing System as approved by the Principal Chief. B. Not less than annually, the Principal Chief shall declare a Dividend upon the profits of the Tobacco Marketing System, shall notify the Muscogee (Creek) National Council of the date and amount of the Dividend, and shall deposit the Dividend in an interest-bearing account to the credit of the Muscogee Nation.

TITLE TWO. INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP LICENSES FOR TOBACCO MARKETING. Section 201. The Principal Chief is authorized to issue licenses through the Division of Tribal Affairs to enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Indians. **Section 202.** Licenses issued under Section 201 of this Ordinance shall: A. Authorize the individual or group, on behalf of the Muscogee Nation, to operate a tobacco outlet within the provisions of this Ordinance. B. Require that the individual or group tobacco outlet be located upon tribal lands of the Muscogee Nation through the approval process of Ordinance NCA 81-22, Section 103, or upon individual restricted Indian lands with the Muscogee Nation, provided, that the consent of the individual land owner is obtained in writing. C. Require that tobacco products sold at the individual or group tobacco outlet be taxed by the Muscogee Nation at the following rates: 1) Cigarettes: \$0.023 per pack of twenty cigarettes. 2) Cigars: (reserved) per cigar. 3) Pipe tobacco: (reserved) per ounce. 4) Chewing tobacco: (reserved) per ounce. 5) Snuff: (reserved) per ounce. D. Require that the individual or group tobacco outlet shall not sell tobacco to persons who are less than eighteen (18) years of age. E. Require that the individual or group outlet keep such financial and operational records as may be required by the Principal Chief for the purpose of insuring proper collection of tribal taxes due. F. Acknowledge that the License may be revoked by the courts of the Muscogee Nation for violation of this Ordinance. G. Acknowledge that the License may not be renewed by the Principal Chief if citations for violation of this Ordinance are not complied with. H. Acknowledge that the License shall expire at 11:59 P.M. December 31, of the year the License is issued.

TITLE THREE. GENERAL PROVISIONS. Section 301. Enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Indians may purchase tobacco products, without limitations upon amount purchased, at any location of the Tribal tobacco marketing system, or at any location licensed under Title Two of this Ordinance. **Section 302.** Persons who are not enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Indians may purchase tobacco products at any location of the tribal marketing system, or at any location licensed under Title Two of this Ordinance, within limits established as follows: A. Cigarettes: not to exceed two packs of twenty cigarettes each. B. Cigars:

(reserved). C. Pipe Tobacco: (reserved). D. Chewing Tobacco: (reserved). E. Snuff: (reserved). **Section 303.** Expenditures of tribal tobacco tax receipts (section 103), individual or group license fees (section 201), and individual or group tobacco outlet tax receipts (section 202) are hereby earmarked for: A. Tribal Government Operations: 50% B. Social Welfare Assistance: 50% **Section 304.** Funds earmarked for expenditures by Section 303 shall be held in an interest bearing account until appropriated by Ordinance. **Section 305.** The Courts of the Muscogee Nation are hereby granted exclusive jurisdiction over all controversies arising under, pursuant to, or in conflict with this Ordinance. **Section 306.** Prohibited Acts: A. No Muscogee (Creek) Indian shall own, operate, administer, or lease lands for the purpose of allowing another person or group of persons to own, operate, or administer a tobacco shop, smoke shop, or other tobacco sales outlet, unless the person possesses a valid license from the Muscogee Nation under the terms of this Ordinance. B. Every day that Section 306 (a) of this Ordinance is violated shall constitute a separate offense. C. Upon conviction of violating Section 305 A), of this Ordinance, a Muscogee (Creek) Indian may be fined not more than \$500. D. The Court of the Muscogee Nation shall have the power, upon consideration of petition or following a hearing, to order the closing of any unlicensed tobacco shop, smoke shop, or other tobacco sales outlet on restricted lands which does not comply with the terms of this Ordinance.

A motion was made by Nelson Johnson and seconded by Carney Roberts to amend Section 201 by adding \$25.00 per year in two different places making the sentence to read: "The Principal Chief is authorized to issue licenses through the Division of Tribal Affairs to enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Indians at a rate of \$25.00 per year, and to groups enrolled as Muscogee (Creek) Indians at a rate of \$25.00 per year. A motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried. Amendments having been made and approved, the Chair entertained a motion to approve NCA 82-14. A motion was made by Nelson Johnson and seconded by Clarence Cloud to approve NCA 82-14 as read. A motion having been made, and seconded: Motion carried. NCA 82-14 entitled as an Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Establishing the Tribal Tobacco Marketing System and Licensing Individual and Group Tobacco Outlets, hereby stand adopted and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

Quarterly Reports: Mr. Breshears briefly touched on various items which were included in the Quarterly Reports booklet which were mailed prior to this meeting. He called on Bill Fife to discuss activities which had been taking place within the Division. Bill reported on all EDA programs and advised the Council that all projects had been completed, except for one, which was the Mound Building, and they were still in the process of repairing the leaks, etc. He also advised of the Lighthouse Administration being in the process of developing a safety program which would consist of a Pre-planned responsibility for Security personnel in the event of emergencies; create a fire safety team; conduct fire drills and monitor weather conditions and associated safety activities. He opened the discussion for questions or comments. Upon the completion of Bill Fife's report, Gary Breshears called on Mark Downing, Director of Community Services. Mr. Downing introduced Gerald Flud and explained that Gerald handled the Health Services Administration. He also advised that there had been 456 patients treated by the Mobile Health Clinic. He touched briefly on the Environmental Services Administration and advised the Council that there had been nine projects completed under the Community Development Block Grant. The Council was informed that Sam Whitlow was the person in charge of working on the HUD Grant Renovation.

Within the Community Research and Development Administration the following programs has been administered: 1) Revenue Sharing-Emergency Aid, 2) Indian Child Welfare Program (A BIA funded program), and the Elderly Nutrition Program (Administration of Aging funded.) The Council was advised that 24 families had been assisted with in the last quarter. Within the Indian Child Welfare Program there was one staff person hired to administer this program. The staff person being Helen Coon, has initiated the program by meeting with the Department of Human Services of each county within the boundaries of the Creek Nation jurisdiction. Nineteen families have been through this portion of the program. She has attended the following workshops: "Child Abuse" and "Adolescent Abuse and Neglect" and "Adolescent Adoption". The Coweta site is ready to begin negotiations and that surveyors have been sent to prepare proper papers to give to architects. The Dewar Community Center is near completion. At this point the meeting was turned over to Buddy York, Director of Human Development.

The Council was advised of the CETA Program operating on carryover funds from FY 81 thereby giving the program a limited amount of activity. The Welding School which is located on the Tribal Complex grounds had 18 students attending with the completion of this training course just a couple of weeks away. There were ten students attending the Oklahoma State Tech under this program. The YETP is being geared for the youths, at the age of 14 through 21. There has been 23 classroom training and five on work experience. The Council was advised of the number of children enrolled in the Preschool and Elementary Education at Eufaula Head Start. There were 42 Indian Children, 22 non-Indian children with the average attendance being 52. The Yeager Head Start Center had an enrollment of 58 children, 41 of which were Indian and 17 were non-Indian, during the month of October. With all the Division reports having been made, Mr. Breshears turned the meeting over to the Speaker.

Mr. Childers called upon the Citizenship Board to give their quarterly reports. Nettie Scott, Vice-Chairman was present to give this report. She advised the Council of the Citizenship Board Meeting which was held on November 10, 1981, December 9, and January 25, 1982; and that total enrollment from the last quarter was 7,461. She gave the total enrollment for the following months to be November - 722, December - 566, and January - 344. Total enrollment for the

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American Indian Hall of Fame Inductees

Three outstanding Indian athletes will be enshrined in the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame on Saturday, March 27, 1982. The three men will be joined by an Indian leader who is well known for his work in the cause of educating Indian youth and the development of pride in Indian institutions. All four are being honored for their contributions to Indian peoples and their professional and sports accomplishments.

Among those to be enshrined is Thomas Cornelius Yarr, Notre Dame varsity football star. Yarr played center and lettered at Notre Dame in 1929, 1930 and 1931. He was a member of the last "Fighting Irish" National Championship Team of Knute Rockne in 1930.

This Snohomish tribesman, a native of Chimacum, Washington, was Captain of the Notre Dame Team in 1931. In that, his most outstanding year, he was named All-American Center on the Associated Press Concesus Team (and many others). Yarr, known as "Wahoo" among his team mates, died of a heart attack on December 24, 1941, and he will be represented at the enshrinement ceremony by his grandson, Thomas Yarr Babb, who attends high school in East Liverpool, Ohio.

The Indian Leader "Honoree" is Turner A. Cochran, a resident of Bonner Springs, Kansas. A retiree since 1963 of the U.S. Department of Justice, Cochran has received many honors as a government officer, as an outstanding Alumnus of Haskell Institute, and as a member of the Board of Regents of Haskell Indian Junior College. He is a Caddo-Chickasaw-Cherokee tribesman, and his wife, Nora, also a Haskell Alumnus, is a retired Registered Nurse of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. This is the fifth

enshrinement ceremony which has been planned and accomplished during the tenure of Cochran as the Coordinator and Executive Secretary of the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame.

The American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame was founded in 1972 to honor Indian athletes for outstanding achievements in sports and athletic events and to preserve records of their accomplishments and memorabilia incident thereto for the Nation and posterity. To date, forty-eight individuals have been honored by induction, representing some sixty Indian Tribes. Nomination of an athlete may be made on the basis of a high standard of excellence, dedication, and commitment to his sport. Election for enshrinement is voted by the Board of Trustees—twelve distinguished Indian Leaders representing a constituency of all Indian Tribes across the Nation.

The Master of Ceremonies for the 1982 Enshrinement Ceremony and program will be Dr. Joseph H. "Bud" Sahmaunt, All-American Basketball Star, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1978. He is a distinguished member of the Kiowa Tribe and holds a professorship at Oklahoma City University. Among Dr. Sahmaunt's admirers and most loyal supporters is none other than Ted Owens, Head Basketball Coach at Kansas University. Sahmaunt received All-American recognition as a player under Coach Owens during his collegiate athletic competition at Oklahoma City University.

1972 Inductees into the American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame are: Alexander Arcasa, Colville, Football; Charles "Chief" Bender, Chippewa, Baseball; Wilson "Buster" Charles, Onida, Decathlon; Albert A. Exendline,

Delaware, Football; Joseph N. Guyon, Chippewa, Football; Jimmie Johnson, Stockbridge-Munsee, Football; John Levi, Arapaho, Football; John "Chief" Meyers, Cahulla Band, Baseball; Allie P. Reynolds, Creek, Baseball; Theodore "Tiny" Roebuck, Choctaw, Football; Reuben Sanders, Tututni-Rogue River, Football; Louis Twanima, Hopi, Track and Field; Jim Thorpe, Sac and Fox-Potawatomi, Football, Louis "Rabbit" Weller, Caddo, Football;

1973 Inductees: Ellison Brown, Narragansett, Marathon; Wallace Littlefinder, Sioux, Track and Field; Elmer Busch, Pomo, Football; Albert Hawley, Grose Ventre-Assinibolne, Football; Frank Hudson, Laguna Pueblo, Football; Frank Mt. Pleasant, Tuscarora, Football; Walter Johnson, Palute, Football; Jessie Renich, Choctaw, Basketball; Gus Welch, Chippewa, Football; Jimmie Wolf Jr. Kiowa, Football; Louis R. Bruce, Mohawk-Sioux, Honoree; Angellita Rosal, Sioux-Philippino, Table Tennis; Bemus Pierce, Seneca, Football; Ed Rogers, Chippewa, Football.

1977 Inductees: Chester "Chet" Ellis, Seneca, Boxing; Stacy S. Howell, Pawnee, Basketball; Jack Jacobs, Creek, Football; Clyde L. "Chief" James, Modoc, Basketball; Rolfe T. "Junior" Munsell Jr., Chickasaw, Boxing; Phillip Osif, Pima, Track and Cross Country; Robert L. Bennett, Founder, American Indian Athletic Hall of Fame, Honoree.

1978 Inductees: Frank W. "Mac" McDonald, Honoree; Harold "Chuck" Foster Jr., Navajo, Track and Cross Country; William Mervin "Billy" Mills, Oglala Sioux, Track and Cross Country; Joseph H. "Bud" Sahmaunt, Kiowa, Basketball; Joe Tindle Thornton, Cherokee, Archery; Egbert Bryan "Eg" Ward, Yakima, Football, Baseball and Basketball.

1980 Inductees: Robert L. "Bob"

Gawboy, Chippewa, Swimming; Elijah "Ell" Smith, Onida, Football; Martin Fredrick Wheelock, Onida, Football.

1981 Inductees: George P. Lavatta, Shoshone-Bannock, Honorary; Nelson B. Levering, Omaha/Bannock, Boxing; Austin Ben Tincup, Cherokee, Baseball; David W. Bray, Seneca, Lacrosse.

Crow Tribe Approve Coal Fired Power

The Crow Indian tribal members voted January 9 to approve plans for the construction of a huge 1,000 megawatt coal-fired power complex on the reservation. According to information provided by the tribe to the Billings Gazette five regional utilities have expressed an interest in helping to finance the project and in buying power from the tribe.

Construction costs of the complex are estimated at \$1 billion. More than 1,300 persons would be employed in the construction phase and 379 employees for the operation of the plant. It would burn 15 million tons of coal annually—mined from the reservation's ample reserves.

It has been estimated that the power project would net \$15 million annually for 25 years until the construction debt was retired; then the annual net would increase to \$85 million. A committee has been appointed to identify a site for the plant.

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quarter was 1,622 and overall enrollment total was 9,083. Total original enrollees on file are 186. Application request being sent out and taken out personally each month was for: November - 219, December - 326, January - 197, total for the quarter is 742. The Council was also advised of the resignation of Mrs. Virginia Thomas. Resignation date was November 10, 1981, reasons for resignation was due to poor health and doctor's orders. With Mrs. Thomas resigning, the board was left with only three board members. Members being: Jonas Dunson, Nettie Scott and Toske Willits.

ELECTION BOARD: The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board had one resignation during this quarter. Mr. Andy Bible, Election Board member from Tulsa District resigned in order to run for the office of National Council Representative for Tulsa District. Mr. Bible was replaced by Jonas Partridge, Creek County. We also added one person to our staff during this period. Ms. Lisa Adams was hired through the CETA as a clerk-typist. The Election Board has, since the December 5, 1981 election been in the process of eliminating all duplicate files of registered voters who are not enrolled. Although we do not have an exact count of those people who are registered but not enrolled we estimate this total to be over 5,000. As of December 31, 1981, we have on file a total of 3,992 registered and enrolled voters. This does not include any minor children. We are still receiving enrollment forms from the Citizenship Office and matching these forms against the registration forms we have in our files for processing. As time permits, we are putting the names of all minors, registered and enrolled persons on the word processor. This has already proven to be a great time saver to us and to others who use our information such as the lists to registered voters used by our newly elected Representatives of the National Council. In the future, if our budget permits, we would like to begin issuing Voter I.D. cards. This will be very helpful at election time since many of our Tribal Members are not registered voters.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS: The Economic Affairs Board was called upon. Bill Fife advised that he was not a part of the board but that one member was ill and in the hospital and others couldn't make it at this time, and that there was one vacancy on the board due to the resignation of Nelson Johnson. He advised the Council that the Board of Economic Affairs met every third Wednesday at 7:00 P.M., at the Agri-Business at Dustin.

OTHER BUSINESS: At this time there was no other business to discuss and the floor was open for discussion on the next planning session date. By a unanimous vote of approval February 11, 1982, at 6:30 P.M. was decided on as the date for the Planning Session. Announcements: None. The Chair entertained a motion for the adjournment of this meeting. A motion was made by Helen Chupco and seconded by Clarence Cloud to adjourn this meeting. By a unanimous vote of approval, the meeting was adjourned. Benediction: Helen Chupco.

NIA Basketball Tourney Set

Nespelem, Wa....The Colville Confederated Tribes of eastern Washington state will host the 1982 National Indian Athletic Association Basketball Tournament on April 20-24 in Spokane, WA.

Thirty two mens teams and 24 womens teams from throughout the U.S. and Canada are expected to participate in playoff games scheduled at Whitworth College in Spokane. Championship games will be held in Spokane's huge Coliseum where four to five thousand fans will watch the tournament's finals on Saturday, April 24.

Colville tribal member, Eddie Palmanteer, Jr. from Omak, Wa. has been appointed Tournament Director by the Colville Business Council. Palmanteer is a member of the Tribe's administrative staff.

According to Palmanteer, as tournament director, he is responsible for coordination of the five-day event including the games and social activities. Special tournament attractions include traditional Indian pow-wows,

modern dances, a salmon barbeque at Spokane's Riverside Park, arts/crafts displays and sales and concessions.

Palmanteer indicated that this is the first year for the Indian Basketball Nationals to be held in the Northwest. He encourages volunteers from any tribe in the Pacific Northwest to participate in tournament activities. "We need public address announcers, scorebook and stats keepers, ticket takers, and pow-wow organizers," said Palmanteer.

The Sheraton Hotel in Spokane is designated as tournament headquarters. For information about hotel accommodations, contact Janie Shoemaker at the Spokane, Sheraton, (509) 455-9600.

For further information about the 1982 National Indian Basketball Tournament, contact Eddie Palmanteer, Jr., at (509) 634-4711 ext. 247, or write to him at Box 150, Nespelem, Washington 99155. For social activities information, contact Jesse Madera at (509) 634-4711, ext. 209.



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Tribal Discount Store Opens

By Helen Bennett

A tribal discount grocery store has been opened by Creek Nation allowing enrolled tribal members to buy non-perishable products at a savings comparable to and some instances lower than local discount stores.

The store is located in the Elderly Projects across the road from the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee at 2700 Sam Checotah Drive and Loop 56 in Okmulgee. Store hours are from 9 a.m. til 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. Gerald Flud is managing the store with the able

assistance of Maxine Watashe. The Tribal Tobacco Store will **also be** moved to that location.

Eligibility to buy in the store requires you to be an enrolled member of the Creek Tribe. If you are not presently enrolled, you can buy one time with a C.D.I.B (certificate of degree of Indian blood card from the BIA). Thereafter you must present your Creek Citizenship Card to make purchases.

Products will be sold in quantities of either half or full cases only. A product and price list will be available at the store. Direct services

allows the consumer to have their order filled immediately. All purchases will be sold on cash basis only.

The concept of Creek Nation owning a retail grocery store is a social service designed to aid tribal members by saving them up to 30% on non-perishable products. The store is a phase of the Agri-Business project which was initiated in the late 1970's. The Agri-Business project will be completed in three phases over a period of 25 years. In the future, Creek Nation Grocery Stores will be located throughout Creek Nation and will

sell products made "by Creeks for Creeks" from by products of the Creek Nation Dairy and Beef Operations. When the Agri-Business enters phase II of operation, food, meat and poultry processing plants should be in full operation, employing more Creek citizens with even greater savings available through the Creek Nation marketing system.

If you are not presently enrolled in the Creek Tribe, it certainly will be to your benefit to do so. The enrollment office is open 8-5, Monday through Friday at the Tribal Complex.

Agri-Business On The Move

By Helen Bennett

A reorganizational structure of the Agri-Business has recently brought about a fast paced atmosphere around the principal economic project of the Creek Nation.

The Agri-Business is now controlled by the Creek Nation Board of Economic Affairs, consisting of members appointed by the Principal Chief and approved by the Creek National Council. Since the Agri-Business is no longer under the direction of Tribal Affairs, it is considered an Independent Agency in much the same manner as the Creek Nation Housing Authority.

Members of the Board are Bill Burden, Jack Rumsey and Dan Childers. Eventhough the Board controls the Agri-Business activities, a quarterly report must be submitted to the National Council. Chief Cox oversees and advises the Board on decision making on a continual basis. Daily activities are carried out by the new Agri-Business Administrator, Raymond (Sonny) O'Hern. O'Hern has a lengthy background in farming and management experience.

A totally new dairy program has been implemented by the Board. The Dairy Herd Improvement (DHI) Program utilizing computer

print out records determines the top and lower milk producers of the herd. The top milk producers receive more feed while they are in their prime cycle, while the lower producers receive sufficient amounts only. Each cow is recorded as to when they are bred, when they calf and when they become "fresh" again. They reach their prime production cycle about a month after they calf. When they reach a certain declining point they are re-classified into the lower producers.

If the dairy calves are born heifers, they are placed in hutches after three days and hand fed to be utilized as replacement cows for the dairy herd and will be trained for the milking process. Here the cows patiently stand in line waiting to be hooked up to the milking machines. When the doors are opened allowing them to enter the milking room, Eastman Whitlow talking to them in Creek, gently urges them on down the line where they are individually sprayed and cleaned before the "hook up". Truly, these are contended well mannered cows, they know their duty and give no "back-moo". Even when they are finished they single file out quietly, giving up their feed bucket to the next group.

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DAIRY CALVES BEING HAND FED BY CN EMPLOYEE TERESA CARBITCHER

McIntosh Relative Wants Positive Recognition . . .

TO THE EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT OF THE MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS:

I felt saddened by the attitude of the writer of the material about Chief William McIntosh and his son Chilly in your recent article "Recording of Creek Laws". Both of these men were actually heros in the history of the Creeks, and it is about time that the families (a very few) who hold grudges against the McIntoshs recognize the sacrifices that were made by these men.

Chief McIntosh gave up his life for the sake of the Creek people. I'm sure he was aware that his days were numbered when he made the decision to get out of Georgia and the ruffians that were making life miserable for the Creek people. However, the treaty he signed was not binding, so his decision was not the one which moved the

people to Georgia anyway. If it had been acknowledged, the Creeks could have left earlier and less would have had to suffer and die along the way, as history shows. The leader of the group that assassinated McIntosh in council said a year later, "I'm sorry I listened to those dupes who lied about McIntosh."

Even after the Creek arrived in Oklahoma, many McIntosh ancestors have spent their time and energy in helping the Creeks to gain the stature they now have. I would like to see you print some articles which explain some of these positive examples.

I wish to acknowledge the pride I carry with me, in being a member of the McIntosh family. These people have been leaders for a long time, and will be for many more years to come. Many people throughout the world have recognized this. It's time you did, too.

Sincerely,
Billie Jane McIntosh

From Former Creek Chief . . .

EDITOR:

Please print all of T.S. Woodward's statement in your next issue, will you?
W.E. "Dode" McIntosh
Former Creek Chief

From "Woodward's Reminiscing",
printed around 1835 . . .

In a package I sent you some time back, giving you the names of Agents, Indians and others, I mentioned Ogillis Incah or Menauway, the Chief that commanded at Horse Shoe. He was the Chief that headed the party that killed McIntosh, Sam Hawkins and others. I knew him well, and he knew me, and knew that I disliked his killing McIntosh. At a Council in Sechalitchar, in about 1835, he got very angry with Hopothleyoholo and let the secret about about the McIntosh affair. He looked at me and Captain Walker, held up his hands and said, "Here are the hands that are stained with the blood of McIntosh, and I am now ready to stain them again in the blood of his enemies, and those who made me the dupe of their foul designs. When I done the deed, I thought I was right, but I am sorry." I will give you more of him at some other time. I know the whole of that affair, but the actors in it are mostly gone to rest, "So let them sleep on, as it can do no good to bring it up."

Yours truly,
T.S. WOODWARD

Creek Nation Publication . . .

TO CHIEF CLAUDE COX:

I want to thank you for sending me the new booklet on Muscogee Nation. It is a very nice publication with pictures in color, and contents were well written telling about the progress Creek tribe has made in few short years. You and your staff are to be commended for these accomplishments. I am proud to be a member of such progressive tribe, and I want to do my part in helping toward the betterment of my people.

Sincerely,
Helen Chupco
Muskogee District
National Council

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to thank each and everyone who expressed their kindness and sympathy during the loss of our beloved sister and daughter. May God bless you.

The Family of Belinda Jean Bible



GLENPOOL TAKEDOWN CLUB--These members recently won trophies in their individual divisions. (top row, l to r) Aaron Watashe, age 9; Roger Flud, age 13; Snookey Smith, age 9. (bottom row, l to r) Clint Watashe, age 5 and David Smith, age 8. Roger Flud is the son of Rusty and Janice Flud. Snookey and David Smith are the sons of Raymond and Toby Smith and the grandchildren of Jonas Partridge. Clint and Aaron are the sons of Charlene and Richard Watashe. All of Glenpool. The guys are coached by Buddy Innis who volunteers his time. The club is independent of the Glenpool School.

REVENUE SHARING PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSED USE HEARING

On April 21, 1982 at 6:30 p.m., in the Elderly Nutrition Dining Room at the Creek Nation Capitol Complex at Okmulgee, the Planning Manager will hold a Revenue Sharing Proposed Use Hearing. All Creek citizens (especially senior citizens) are invited to attend and provide the Planning Manager with written and oral comments on possible uses for \$72,355.00 of Revenue Sharing Funds expected by the Creek Nation Tribal Government during its 1982 fiscal year.

MOBILE CLINIC SCHEDULE

Monday Okmulgee
Tuesday Okmulgee
Wednesday Weleetka
Thursday Okmulgee
Friday Okmulgee

Clinic is open 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. The Physician Assistant will see patients from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Monday thru Thursday and 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon on Friday.



BINGO!

Play Bingo and win CASH PRIZES. All proceeds go for fund raising for Creek Festival '82. Every Monday, except second Monday each month, 7 P.M., Creek Tribal Complex.

NOTICE

To All non Elderly

The price of meals at the Elderly Nutrition Center located in the Tribal Complex will increase to \$3 effective March 15, except for those transporting elderly to the nutrition site. For those the price will remain \$2. The increase is due to the rising cost of food and staying in compliance with federal regulations.

STEVE WILSON, Manager Community Research Development
MARGARET FREEMAN, Chairwoman Elderly Nutrition Program Advisory Committee

Creek Enrollment

The Enrollment Board would like to announce that there is no deadline on enrolling. Persons needing applications and instructions for enrolling as citizens may request them by writing:

CITIZENSHIP BOARD

P.O. BOX 580

OKMULGEE, OK. 74447

or by calling:

CITIZENSHIP BOARD OFFICE
918/756-8700 at the Creek Nation Complex.

Several tribal programs are now limited to enrolled citizens, such as the Revenue Sharing Emergency Assistance Fund.

Only enrolled citizens are eligible to vote in tribal elections. Persons who are enrolled and have previously registered to vote do not have to re-register as voters. If you are enrolled and have not registered to vote contact the Election Board Office at the Tribal Complex.



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Deadline for submissions is the Friday prior to the first full week of the meeting of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Any submission must be brought by the MNN office during working hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays).

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Indian Physicians Plan Conference at Creek Nation

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) have scheduled their annual conference in the Creek Nation July 21-24. Approximately 150 Indian doctors and their families are expected for the three day event. The theme for this year's conference is "Our Natural Resources for Sale-Our Health at Issue."

A Creek Nation planning committee headed by Dr. Don Bowen of the Creek Nation Community Hospital has been meeting for the past six months planning meals and scheduling events.

In 1971 Dr. Everett Rhoades, who was recently appointed Director of Indian Health Service and four other Indian physicians founded the AAIP. Then, there were fourteen Indian physicians in the entire nation. The AAIP was begun primarily to increase that number by finding and assisting promising Indian students.

Last year, there were about 140 Indian physicians with the number expected to increase dramatically in the coming decade because more Indians are in medical school now.

One of the projects of the AAIP is a student live-in program. The physicians take students into their homes for a period of ten days in order to acquaint them with the social and working environment of a health care professional in an effort to reinforce the students decision of becoming a health care professional.

Reservation Unemployment 31 Per Cent of Labor Force

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has published an updated report on American Indian reservations populations. The booklet includes estimates on unemployment.

Dated December, 1981, the report shows a population of 734,895 living on or near Indian reservations, including former reservations in Oklahoma. It also includes 64,047 Eskimos, Aleuts and Indians in Alaska.

The reservation population, which constitutes the BIA's service population, is 52 percent of the 1.4 million total Indian population counted in the 1980 census.

Unemployment on the reservation is reported to be 31 percent of the labor force.

The information in the report is presented by states, BIA area offices, agencies and individual reservations.

The data was compiled from information provided by BIA field offices.

The BIA's last report on reservation populations, in 1979, showed a total of 681,213 with a 27 percent unemployment rate.



Stephanie Alexis Yazzie
Davis Family Reunion Princess

5 Year Old Creek Works for Church

Stephanie Alexis Yazzie, age 5, is 1/4 Creek, 1/4 Sioux, 1/4 Choctaw, 1/4 Potawatomie. She is shown here with Governor Nigh when he signed her New Testament she was given for being Davis Family Reunion Princess. In order to become a DFR Princess, the candidate has to be a member of church, attending regularly. When Stephanie invites friends to church, she like to take them to McDonalds for breakfast. She sings in the Children's Choir and has won awards for bringing the most visitors to Sunday School and Church.

Stephanie lives with her grandparents, Alex and Wanda Davis in Oklahoma City. Her parents are Terry Yazzie and Bobbie Haney. She attends kindergarten at Parmelee Elementary in OKC. She is an avid painter and loves to do imaginary pictures in the various school media. Stephanie dances with the Buster Ned group.

INDIAN LAND SALE APRIL 21

A sale of Indian land tracts has been scheduled for April 21 by the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Muskogee.

Most of the tracts are the original allotment of an enrolled member of the Five Civilized Tribes and are for sale for the first time.

Sealed bids will be received until 10:30 a.m., the day of the sale at the Civic Center. Additional Civic Center. Additional information may be obtained from the bureau, Federal Building, Muskogee, Ok. 74401.

Senior "Career Day" Sponsored by CN

By Pearl Thomas, Program Supervisor
Special Education Experience Program

The Creek Nation Special Education Experience Program held their Senior Day, Friday March 5, at the Mound.

The students, sponsors and college representatives were welcomed by the Creek Nation Executive Director, Gary Breshears. Dan Burgess from the Higher Education Department explained the steps and procedures in applying for a scholarship and Buddy York, Director of Human Development, representing the CETA Program, gave an explanation of their program. Dr. Bud Sahmaunt, Oklahoma City University Faculty member, gave an inspiring talk on "Motivation".

These are the colleges and their representatives that participated: Bacone College—Yahola Tiger, Tulsa University—Clark Fowler, Okla. State Tech.—Joe Taylor, Northeast Okla. A&M—Larry Dunn, Eastern Okla. St.—Cathy Walters, Okla. City University—Dr. Bud Sahmaunt, Tulsa Welding School—Gale Harrington, Claremore Jr. Collge—Floyd West, St. Gregory's College—Kay Taron, O.U. Health Science Ctr—Dona Thompson and Winona Simms Schilling, O.U. Engineering Dept.—Vic Carruthers, Central State University—James Noley, Tulsa Jr. College—Sandra Redfern, Langston University—Hyrice Tomlin, Connors State College—Jo Ann Hunt, Okla. State University—Joshua Mihisuah, Tulsa Career Institute—Fred Mendoza.

The students spent the rest of the morning visiting the different booths and talking with the representatives.

We hope this Senior Day will be helpful to the thirty-eight (38)



CREEK SENIORS looking over the career possibilities available to them sponsored by the Special Education Experience Program of Creek Nation.

students from these participating high schools, Okemah, Okmulgee, Bristow, Kellyville, Wilson Sapulpa and Butner.

A big "Thank You" goes to all those who helped me with this special day, Bob Herrod and the maintenance department, Marcia Gambler for keeping the registration, Juanita Baldrige and Pat Morgan for keeping the donuts supplied, and last but not least, to the Communication Department, Gary Robinson for taking pictures.



LIVE EASTER BUNNIES FOR SALE!

Creek Nation Agri-Business - 656-3218

Agri-Business Continued



RAYMOND O'HERN, Creek Nation Agri-Business Administrator discussing the feed mill soon to be installed on the Agri-Business site in Dustin.

If the calves are bulls, they are sold for the currently going price which is now \$75 when they are three days old, minimizing feed costs. Individuals may purchase these bulls by contacting O'Hern at 656-3218.

Since the inception of the DHI program, a definite savings has been realized in the reduction of feed costs and the gain in the quantity of milk produced. A "Herd Health Improvement" program is also in effect, cutting down on mastitis allowing for greater production.

For the first time, the Swine Lots are housed with 360 feeder pigs which is a new enterprise for the Agri-Business. A schedule directive from the Board called for 120 pigs to be in the lots by March 3 and 240 more by March 10, with March 17 as "D" day. This schedule was met and the lots now contain groups of porkers according to weight, from 70 to 150 lbs. When they reach approximately 200 lbs. they will be sold to packing houses.

Local FFA and 4-H groups are "working" the pigs as chapter projects. One of the groups is the Dustin School, which has a high percentage of Indian students. The Agri-Business will buy Feeder Pigs

from enrolled Creeks in quantity only (not one or two at a time). For more information contact O'Hern.

Previously, the Agri-Business was using prepared rations from Acco Feeds. Now they are preparing their own mix with whole grain corn, ground on site and mixed with a nutritious pre-mix for the dairy cattle and swine, making for a tasty and healthy vitamin and mineral packed meal. A feed mill is planned to start operation October 1 on the Agri-Business site. Once installed, the mill will furnish all the feed for the Agri-Business operation.

Tribal members will be able to purchase from the mill and excess will be sold to outside enterprises. One day "Creek Feed Mills", featuring "HOMBVKS"? feed may become the Purina of the Indian Agriculture industry. Anyway, the mill will be a step forward to self sufficiency for the Agri-Business.

At the Commerical Cattle and Sante Gertrudis Operation in Hanna, the commerical cattle are entering into an upgrading program by being bred to Beefmaster bulls. The commerical replacement heifers will be bred to

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NOW OPEN!

Creek Nation Tribal Discount Grocery Store



Located at Loop 56 & Sam Checotah Dr. in the Creek Nation Elderly Project



Open only to enrolled
Creek Tribal Members
Cash Only

Shurfine Affiliated
Food Store



STORE HOURS: 9 a.m. til 6 p.m. - Monday thru Friday

Agri-Business Continued . . .

Angus bulls. This is a rotation program since the commercial cows have for the past five years been with Sante Gertrudis bulls.

The Sante Gertrudis herd consists of 35 pure bred. Twenty of the top cows will be selected to be either artificially inseminated or bred to a high power Sante Gertrudis bull to maintain the pure bred line. In the future, the calves from this line will be awarded to Creek students participating in FFA or 4-H to be groomed for show stock.

Back to the Dustin site, down the road from the Dairy is the Rabbitry Project. Fourhundred, fifty rabbits are caged off the floor with a constant water flow source. Fryer rabbits are planned to be for sale already dressed and frozen (watch for morer information in your local tribal newspaper). With 200 producing does and rotation of breeding production cycles, 200 fryers will be available for sale per week throughout the year. Live Easter bunnies are for sale now for \$5 at the rabbitry site.

A Sheep "pilot" Project has also been started at the Agri-Business. So far, the sheep are doing an excellent job of keeping the surrounding grounds mowed.

The "Farming Project" currently has 95 acres of oats, 35 acres of alfalfa and in the process of seeding 400 acres of hay grazer. An additional 130 acres of alfalfa will be planted this fall. All this grain will be used to feed the tribal livestock this next year.

The Agri-Business in top production will pay its own way with all profits over operating costs going into the tribal treasury. At this point, just land improvement alone has increased tribal assets. Through "money, management, manpower and utilization of available resources" the Creek Nation Agri-Business is successful and on the move toward even greater success.



Dairy Herd On The Way To Milking Barn . . .



Swine Feeder Lots . . .



Replacement Heifers For Dairy Herd . . .



DEATHS

SIDNEY WATSON

Funeral services for Theodore Sidney Watson, 52, were held Monday March 22, at the Arbeka Indian Baptist Church with Rev. Gene Harjo and Rev. Roley Haynes officiating.

Interment was in the Arbeka Indian Cemetery under the direction of the Hayhurst-Wood Funeral Home.

Mr. Watson was born Oct. 26, 1929 at Bryant, and died March 19, following an apparent heart attack. He was the son of John and Fannie Watson. He served with the U.S. Air Force from 1947 to 1953. He was a painter in the Henryetta area. He was a member of the Arbeka Indian Baptist Church and a member of the 75-40 CB Club.

Survivors include his mother, Fannie Watson, of Weleetka, two daughters, Marlene and Tina Watson, Dewar, one son, Gary Watson, Dewar, one sister, Virgie Poe, Wichita, Ks. five brothers, Benny Watson, of California; Rex Watson, Bryant; Lee Pace, Bryant; Bunny Joe Carter, Henryetta, and Virgil Sanders of Henryetta.

LENA MURPHY

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 9, for Lena Murphy at the Little Cussetah Methodist Church with Rev. Sam Haney and Rev. Herbert Perkins officiating.

Mrs. Murphy, 82 years-old was a native of Schuler, Ok. born there on September 5, 1899 and lived there all her life.

Interment was in the Okmulgee Cemetery under the direction of the Buchanan-Wise-McClendon Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Sam, Bruce, Harold and Birdell Murphy, Sam Rider and Rocky Martin.

Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. William (Pearl) Hale and Mrs. Sylvia Mackey, both of Schuler, and Martha Bigpond, Betty Tulsa and Augustine Lowe, all of Tulsa, three sons, Rex Murphy, Tulsa, Samuel (Pete) Murphy, Stroud, and Wilkie Murphy, Carbon, Utah, 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM HARJO WIND

Funeral services for William Harjo Wind, 43, were held Thursday, February 25, in the Parks Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dan Wind officiating.

Mr. Wind was born at Claremore on July 20, 1939 and had been a resident of Okfuskee County most of his life. He was a member of the High Springs Baptist Church.

He is survived by one brother, Alexander Bear, of Okemah.

Interment was in the Bell Family Cemetery under the direction of the Parks Funeral Home.

MARTHA MORGAN

Funeral services for Martha Morgan were held Monday, March 22, at the Big Cussetah Indian Church, with Rev. Willie Gooden and Rev. Sam Haney officiating the services. Interment was in the Big Cussetah Cemetery under the direction of Buchanan-Wise-McClendon Funeral Home.

Mrs. Morgan was born April 1, 1909 in Morris. She was a member of the Big Cussetah Indian Church.

Survivors include five sons, Samuel Morgan, of Shawnee; Elmo Morgan of Morris; Ed Morgan of Paramount, CA.; Harry Edmerson, Okmulgee, and Amos Edmerson, Tulsa, three daughters, Merthel Lane, Henryetta, Elthal Edmerson, Morris, Annie Mae Edmerson, Okmulgee 34 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

BELINDA BIBLE

Funeral services were held March 3, for Belinda Jean Bible, 20, at Grave Creek Baptist Church. Rev. James McCosar officiated the service. Interment was in the Grave Creek Cemetery under the direction of the Buchanan-Wise-McClendon Funeral Home.

Miss Bible was born Jan. 28, 1962 in Claremore. Survivors include her mother, Norma Bible, Okmulgee two sisters, Gena Wesley, Glenpool, and Teresa Bible, of the home, six brothers, Norman Daniel, Sapulpa, Joey Bass and Sammy Bass of Tulsa, Monty Bass of Los Angeles, Randy Bible and Dale Bible, Glenpool, her maternal grandmother Mable Hill, Preston, and grandfather Bill Sampson, Okmulgee.

LUCY ROBERTS

Funeral services for Mrs. Lucy Roberts, 82, were held Wednesday, March 17, at the Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church, Rev. Willie Herod officiated the service.

Interment was in the Nuyaka Indian Baptist Cemetery under the direction of the Shurden Funeral Home.

Mrs. Roberts of Route 3, Okemah died March 14, in a Wetumka hospital.

Mrs. Roberts was born January 1, 1900 in Okfuskee County. She was a member and leader of the WMU of the Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church. She was also the founder of the church.

Survivors include three sons, Harley, and Willie Roberts, Okemah, and Stanley Roberts, Nuyaka, four daughters, Susie Gammill, Louise Deeringwater, and Ina Hicks, all of Okemah, and LaDonna Beach, Tulsa, one brother, Sampson Butcher, Okemah, several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

DEWEY BRUNER, JR.

Funeral services for Dewey Bruner, Jr. were conducted Saturday, March 20, at the First Baptist on North Central. Rev. P.W. Jackson will officiate.

Interment was in Tuskegee Cemetery under the direction of Dyer Funeral Home. Pallbearers were sons and honorary pallbearers members of Haygood-pallbearers members of Haygood-Shepherd Post 103.

Mr. Bruner, a resident of Oklahoma City, died March 16 in an Oklahoma City hospital. He was born November 10, 1924.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Cherry Bruner of the home, four sons, Rev. Charles Bruner, Lee Bruner, Rev. Wayne Bruner, Oklahoma City, and Zachery Bruner, Tulsa. Two daughters, Julia Bruner, McAlester, Patricia Bruner, Tulsa. Three sisters, Marilyn and Constance Bruner, Okmulgee and Julia Boone, Baltimore, MD, his mother, Rosela Bruner, Okmulgee and six grandchildren.

JOHN W. SNOW

John W. Snow, Rt. 1, Kellyville, died March 5, at Hillcrest Medical Center, in Tulsa.

He was born Feb. 15, 1904 in Kellyville and had lived in that area all his life. He was a member of the Pickett Chapel United Methodist Church and also served as a lay speaker of the church, he was also a member of the Methodist Men's organization.

He attended Euchee Mission school and Mountain Creek school. He taught Yuchi language under the Creek Nation program at Sapulpa and Kellyville schools. He was employed at Liberty Glass Co. until his retirement.

Surviving are his wife, Acie, of the home; one step-daughter, Ruby Littlebear of Sapulpa, a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Officiating the services were Rev. Joe Lowe and Rev. Jesse Sullivan. Interment was in the George Family cemetery.

LOUISA TIGER

Funeral services for Mrs. Louisa Lee Tiger, 82, were conducted Monday, March 8, at the Trenton Baptist Church at Hanna. Rev. Roley Haynes officiated the service.

Interment was in the Tiger family cemetery under the direction of the Shurden Funeral Home.

Mrs. Tiger was born Aug. 10, 1899 in Oklahoma. She died March 4 in a Tulsa hospital.

Survivors include four sons, Christopher Harjo, Henryetta, Marsey Harjo, Hanna, Albert Harjo, Okemah and Sundeia Harjo, Roanoke, Tx., and a daughter, Fannie Mae Johnson, Huntington Park, Ca., two brothers, Eli Tiger, Hanna, and Namon Bullett, Tulsa, 29 grand children, and 19 great-grandchildren.

GEORGE RILEY WATSON

Services were held in Greenlawn Memorial Chapel, February 13, 1982 in Bakersfield, CA. for George Riley Watson.

Mr. Watson was born April 22, 1916 in Henryetta, Ok. He passed away Feb. 11, 1982 at his home in Bakersfield. Mr. Watson was a service station operator for 28 years and started his first Dealership with Atlantic-Richfield Co. in 1947. He retired to Oklahoma in 1975 and returned to Bakersfield in July of the 1981.

Survivors include his wife, Beulah, daughters, LeVonne Noia and Karen Obee, all of Bakersfield, sisters, Retha Greenway and Lela Barlow, both of Tustin; granddaughters, Robin Feick, Jill Watson and Dede George; grandsons, Kevin George, Jeff and Dave Spence; great-granddaughters, Sarah Feick, all of Bakersfield.

LOUISE BRUNER

The Rev. Lloyd Lowe and Rev. Walter Jones conducted funeral services at the Concharty Indian Methodist Church, Feb. 21, for Louise Bruner, 63.

Mrs. Bruner was born April 8, 1918 at Haskell, Ok. She was the daughter of Jackson and Lula Peters Colbert. She was a member of the Concharty Indian Methodist Church.

Survivors include her husband, Willie of the Glenpool home, four daughters, Mrs. Helen Soles of Sand Springs, Mrs. Dorothy Rice of Okay, Mrs. Louise Cason of Broken Arrow and Mrs. Nita Billington of Glenpool; two brothers, Jess Colbert and Isam Colbert, both of Rt. 2 Haskell.

Also two sisters, Mrs. Dora Shaney of Muskogee and Mrs. Lois Snyder of Haskell; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Colbert Family Cemetery.

EDNA BELLE SEWELL

Funeral service were held Thursday, March 18, for Edna B. Sewell of Slick Road, Kellyville.

Mrs. Sewell was born Dec. 18, 1899 in Bluff, Mo. She had lived in the Sapulpa area since 1918. She and her late husband operated an extensive cattle ranch in Kellyville for many years.

She was a member of the Kellyville election board for more than 20 years and was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Kellyville. She was also a member of the Sapulpa Historical Society and American Legion Auxillary.

She is survived by two sisters, Bessie Kochel of San Ramone, Ca. and Effie Lee Henke of Tulsa; and a nephew, Tony Henke of Tulsa.

Officiating the funeral services were Rev. Don Barefoot and Rev. Jonas Partridge.

CORRECTION

In the obituary of Rev. William Scott In last month's issue of the MNN, it has been reported by surviving wife, Julia, there are no surviving children.

MARCHIE BROWN

Funeral services for Marchie Brown were conducted Monday, March 22 at Newtown United Methodist Church with Reverend George Miller and Reverend Brent Hale officiating. Interment was in Newtown Cemetery under the direction of Buchanan-Wise-McLendon Funeral Home. Wake services were conducted at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 20 at the Buchanan Memorial Chapel. The body was taken to church at 4 p.m. Sunday.

Pallbearers were Richard Cooks, Curt Simmers, Dave Powell, Bob Gibson, Sonny Slinker and Page James.

Mr. Brown died March 18. he was born March 11, 1933 at Bristow. he married Betty Wolf in January at Poteau and they moved to Okmulgee that year. He was a member of Newtown Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Betty Brown of the home at Creek Village Apartments, one son, Richard Brown of the home, three daughters, Donna, Kathy and Mindy, all of the home. Four brothers, Henry and Roy Brown, Tulsa, John D. Brown, Bixby, and Otis Brown, Mounds. Four sisters, Loda Stafford, Eufaula, Dorothy Ciak, Topeka, Kansas, Martha Deo, Tulsa, and Grace Slinker, Mounds and three grandchildren.

ANNA GRAY

Funeral service were conducted Monday, March 22, for Miss Anna Gray, 74. Rev. Dan Phillips Jr. officiated the service which was held at the New Arbor Church. Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of the Kelley Funeral Home.

Miss Gray was born Oct. 10, 1907, in Eufaula, Ok. and died Friday, March 19 in her home. She was a longtime McIntosh County resident.

Survivors include her brother, Moses Gray, of Eufaula; two nieces; and six nephews.

BETTY FISH

Funeral services were conducted for Betty Fish, 58, March 25 at the Hutchachuppa Indian Church near Dustin. Rev. Don Walker and Rev. Roley Haynes officiated the service.

Interment was in the Riley Cemetery on the Hutchachuppa Church grounds.

Mrs. Fish worked in nursing homes in Wewoka, Weleetka and Henryetta. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Fish, in 1978.

Survivors include seven sons, Albert Fish, Tulsa, Donald, Ronald, Frank, Roy, Ray and Bill Fish Jr. all of Dustin. Two daughters, Linda Patterson, Morris, and Mary Allred, Dustin, five sisters, Alice Williams, Weleetka, Lily Dicus, Ft. Thomas, Az. Millie Bowman, Ft. Thomas, Sarah Smith, Weleetka, and Annie Davis, Byrant, eight grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

OKMULGEE INDIAN COMMUNITY NEWS

The meeting was opened with prayer by Lillie Cox and called to order by Chairperson, Cora Deerisaw. The minutes of the last meeting was read and a motion was made by Claude Cox and seconded by Steve Wilson to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Treasurer report was given by Gale Bevenue, balance in treasury is \$592.47. Steve Wilson made a motion to accept the report and Jimmy Jones seconded. Motion carried.

Cora Deerisaw reported to the community that Newtown Church has consented to the use of their community building for the summer conference of the Association of American Indian Physicians Annual Meeting noon meal that will be served by the Okmulgee Indian Community.

Steve Wilson reported more cheese has been received and will be distributed to the low income and elderly. There is a possibility of getting butter also.

An elderly dinner is planned for the Creek Nation Festival. A needs analysis will be distributed to the elderly, which will be used for the upcoming elderly nutrition proposal.

As of this date the Olympics has been cancelled due to lack of funds.

A letter has been sent to Oklahoma City pertaining to the Okmulgee Community Building.

A co-op store is being planned to open soon at the Creek Nation. This store will have only non-perishable goods to start with. They hope to expand to perishable goods in March. Only enrolled members will be able to purchase goods from this store. A tobacco shop has been opened also.

Gerald Flud, Manager of Community Health Services announced the new Mobile Clinic hours. There will be a phase out of the Mobile Clinic at Twin Hills, Coweta and Bristow. This will go into effect March 1. A stationary clinic will be in Okmulgee four days a week and Wednesday in the Weleetka area. This phase out is due to cutback in funds. The people will be notified of this change.

People in the hospital are Amy Berryhill, Henryetta and Katy Asbury, Okmulgee. Sympathy goes out to Betty Lewis in the death of her son.

This meeting is a combined Community, JOM and Title IV meeting. Reports were given by counselors Paul McCurtain and Ester Gee on the tutoring programs. The high school tutoring program has been phased out and taken to the elementary level due to lack of response of students.

A Valentine dance has been planned for Friday, Feb. 12 at the Creek Nation Complex. The annual Appreciation Dinner is being planned for the month of April.

The 3rd Tuesday of the month is the regularly scheduled meeting of the Title IV-JOM parent committee.

Chiquita Juneau, CHR, had her blood pressure kit here for anyone who wanted theirs BP checked. February is designated as "Heart Month".

Gina Bemo won the door prize. Gayle Bevenue will bring the next door prize, there were 45 in attendance. The meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Chiquita Juneau. A bingo and cake walk followed the meeting.

CASTLE NEWS

By Christine Henneha

Barbara Sands, daughter of Earl and Wise Sands was on the list of district Champs for Mason school defeating Wilson school. She lives in our Castle area.

Bobbie Jo Herrod was on the Okla. State Tech. Honor Roll her program study is Commercial Art. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Herrod. Michalle Hulbutta won 1st place in a spelling contest for her 2nd grade class at Oaks school in Okemah, she competed against 6th graders at Middle school. and came out in 4th place.

One of our Senior citizens, Melissa Tiger age 77 entered Creek Nation Hospital for 10 days and later transferred to Okmulgee Memorial Hospital, where she had surgery, she is recovering very well.

Junior and Lucy Tiger of our area are having open house on March 13, they moved into their new home.

Robin Beaver, will be entering the Army on March 20, he is the son of Wanda Beaver of Castle and Sam Beaver Sr. of Tulsa.

Fishpond stomp ground has their monthly "Bingo" for benefit fund raising 2nd Saturday of each month. The next Bingo will be April 10. Contact Tema Tiger for information.

Christine Henneha, Bertha Sands and Wanda Beaver will attend the J.O.M. workshop at Ada, Okla. on March 17-19. Christine Henneha is the Okemah J.O.M. and Title IV Chairperson.

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BEMO CHURCH NEWS

By Deacon Chebon White Cloud

January 3 was the first meeting of the year and also our Lord's Supper. The morning message was delivered by Reverend John Goad and the afternoon sermon was brought by Reverend John Tiger, Rev. John Lowe and Rev. Barney Tiger. The Lord's Supper table was administered by Pastor Bill Beaner. The table was prepared by Deacon Jacob Harjo and Churches represented were: Arbeka, Artussee, Haikey, Broken Arrow, Cedar Creek, Hickory Ground No. 1, and Vian.

January 31, Fourth Sunday Meeting morning message was brought by Rev. Felix Tiger of Bowen Mission. The afternoon sermon was by Rev. Chirs Harjo of Alabama Quarsarity and Rev. Steve Shell of Glenpool Mission. Special prayer service was observed.

April 25 will be our next big meeting and communion. We will observe Easter two weeks later. The sermons will be brought by Rev. Lewis Harjo, Creek Chapel and Rev. John Burgess, Buckeye Church. Also we will have an egg hunt with prizes and "Old Time Fashioned Church", come one and all and worship with us and remember us in your prayers.

**Canadian Indians Invest in Movie**

ALBERTA, CAN.— An oil-rich tribe of Canadian Indians is investing \$8 million in a movie about Billy Mills, the Oglala Sioux Indian who won the gold medal in the 10,000 meter run in the 1964 Olympics. The Ermine Skin band of Alberta, Canada made the announcement of the planned movie in Los Angeles.

The band's Chief and medicine man, Maurice Wolfe, said that the band came to know about Mills through his Indian Youth Leadership Program and that making a movie about him "seemed like it would be a good thing."

Mills, who is now in the insurance business in Sacramento, California, is much involved in working with young people from poor backgrounds. In his youth leadership programs he tells about his own struggles to succeed in the Olympics and in life.

The film is being produced by Ira Englander, a documentary maker.

Production is scheduled to begin in January of 1982 in Canada.

Open House

Dewar Community Center

Dewar Indian Community News

By Ruby Gooden

The Dewar Indian Community Center held their Open House, Saturday, March 13. A free lunch was served. We wish to take this opportunity to thank Chief Cox, Ron Scott, Steve Wilson and everyone else that helped make this possible.

The Dewar Indian Community met for a regular meeting March 1, in the home of Mollie and George Hicks. Invocation by Rev. Lewis Bible. Steve Wilson of the Community Research and Development office of the Creek Nation was present to keep us informed of the progress of the new community center and other happenings within the Creek Nation. He reported that final inspection had been made on the new center, but there were a few minor things that had to be ironed out before it could be approved. The community confirmed the need of eight tables and 40 folding chairs which Mr. Wilson stated we would get.

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Dewar News Continued . . .

He also stated that Mr. Scott had said we may have enough money left over to buy some fire extinguishers and smoke detectors. He said the Insurance on the Building might be a little high because Dewar has only a volunteer fire dept. It was brought out that the City has put in more fire phones hoping to get the City fire code down so the cost of insurance would be reduced. There may be enough money to plant a few shrubs which would improve the appearance of the building.

It was also brought out that Federally funded services benefits for the Indian people are being cut or done away with. Chief Cox and leaders of other tribes have been to Washington to try and keep these programs alive. One of the programs being cut is the CHR Program. This program is very important to the Indian people as is the energy program. There are about 750 families that need help in the area. The people are asked to write to our congressman in Washington and to Sen. Morris Udall asking them to support these bills. Also they are trying to get the Mobile Clinic back in operation. He said they are proposing to do away with and reorganize within the BIA and that the Muskogee Area Office may be shut down but the Okmulgee office will remain open, however, other small areas may be included and served by this office. There will still be an office in Okla. City, too. Louise Watson then explained and answered questions on the CHR program.

Judy Johnson made a motion, seconded by Lewis Bible to open the meeting for business. Helen Bible moved that last month's minutes be read, seconded by Judy Johnson. Motion by Lewis Bible and seconded by Helen Bible to hear treasurers report. Both were approved.

Mrs. Nettie Scott and Myrtle Frazier of the Weleetka Community also visited our meeting. Mrs. Scott is with the Creek Nation Hospital Auxillary at Okemah and gave a report on what they would like for our Community to do to assist in preparing the meals at the Annual Indian Physicians Meeting to be held at the Creek Nation in Okmulgee in July. Approximately 200 doctors and technicians are registered. Their wives are not in this number. Mrs. Paulette Rogers stated that other help such as persons on answer phones, provide rides to and from the Airport, to be pages, to help serve the meals and etc. is needed. All help will be appreciated.

We are again asking for materials to make quilts. If you would like to get rid of those scrapes of material, contact Nannie McNac or George Hicks, both of Dewar. Mrs. Judy Johnson donated the materials for the last quilts.

Motion was made by Eliza Hicks

that the Community buy the meat for the Open House, and the members furnish side dishes. All agreed. The meeting closed with Benediction by Rev. Bible.

We are proud to announce the arrivals of two new members of our Community. They are Kimberly Samari Melton born Mar. 4, her parents are Georgia and Mitchell Melton. Maternal grandparents are Mary and Jerry Moore and Francis and Joe Nealey are great grandparents. Paternal grandparents are Ivaline Tettress, Henryetta and Mitch Melton. Mrs. Ivaline Melton is the great grandmother.

Donald Wayne Gooden was born March 8, proud parents are Delia and Dennis Gooden of Henryetta. Maternal grandparents are Christy and Gene Frenchman, Henryetta, great-grandmother is Bertha Hope also of Henryetta. Paternal grandparents are Ruby and Bennie Gooden of Dewar, great-grandparents, Irene and Virgil Quinton also of Dewar, and Willie Gooden, Claremore and Ethel DeMoss of Weleetka.

Bro. Lewis Bible announced that there will be a Revival with Bro. Andrew Fish, delivering the message, at the Grave Creek Baptist Church beginning April 5 thru 11th. Everyone is welcome to come.



HEPSEY GILROY participated in the jackpot bowling. Hepsey recently celebrated her 77th birthday!

CREEK NATION JACKPOT BOWLING RESULTS

MEN

1.	Bobby Woodfield	652
2.	Pod Thomas	569
3.	Rick Kelley	565
4.	Lucien Berryhill	527
5.	Don Rayon	518
6.	David Bryant	509
7.	Donnie Dunzy	503
8.	Rick Wolfe	493
9.	John Cralge	486
10.	Jackie Jackson	473
11.	Fred Armstrong	399
12.	Doug Parker	365
13.	James Yeager	280

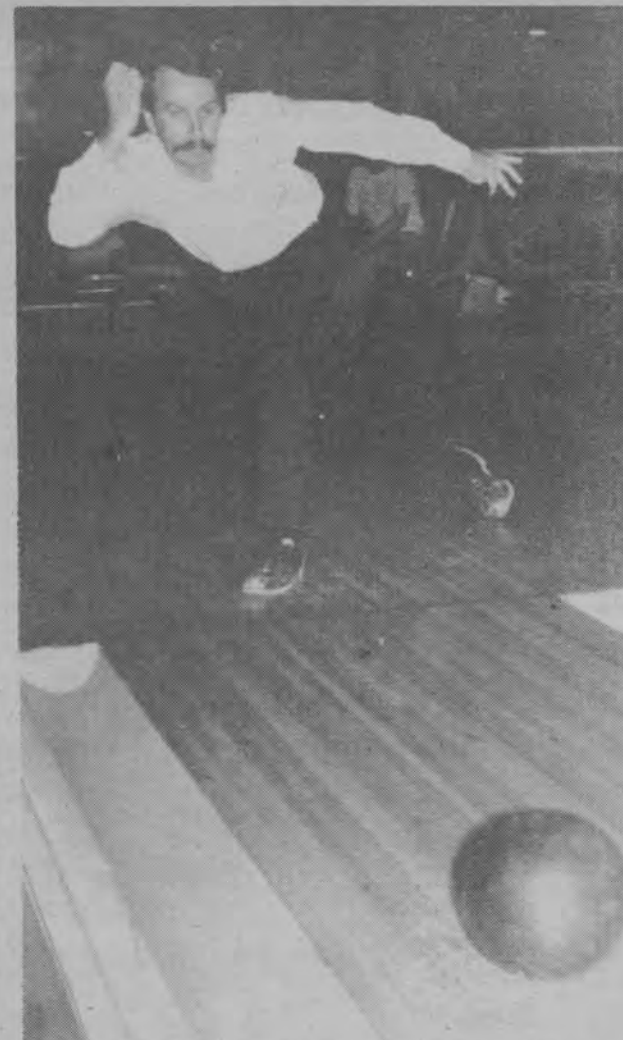
WOMEN

1.	Marcla Gambler	547
2.	Betty Woodfield	543
3.	Brenda Cralge	455
4.	Helen Bennett	452
5.	Etta Conner	451
6.	Pearl Thomas	419
7.	Lou Cloud	413
8.	Amelia Brown	375
9.	Linda Rayon	374
10.	Janet Juneau	338
11.	Vicky Watashe	320
12.	Martha Armstrong	319
13.	Minnie Wolf	310
14.	Mary Smith	309
15.	Rachel Thomas	265
16.	Hepsey Gilroy	179

Recently Creek Nation employees held a Jackpot Bowling in an effort to spark interests for a Creek Nation league. The league will start May 31 at 5:30 p.m. at B.B. If you are interested in joining contact Brenda Cralge or Pat Presson at 756-8700 ex. 249 or 250. You do not have to be an employee to join!



RACHEL THOMAS works in Contracts at CN. She's joining the league. Good follow-thru Rachel!



DAVID 'ROLIN' THUNDER' BRYANT came in sixth place in the jackpot bowling. David is Accounting manager at CN.

Unapproved Council Minutes For February 27, 1982 Meeting

**Appointment to Housing Authority Board
Intent to Apply for 1983 CETA Funds
Discussion of Indian Preference Ordinance
Address by Principal Chief
Gary Breshears Discusses CHR Program
Ron Froman Gives Update on Housing Situation**

Invocation was given by Winey Harjo. Kenneth Childers called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with eight members being present: Helen Chupco, Andy Bible, Kenneth Childers, Clarence Cloud, Richard Larney, Carney Roberts, Thomas McIntosh, and Nelson Johnson. A quorum was declared and it was decided that any business transacted during this meeting would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

READING OF MINUTES: Minutes had been mailed prior to the meeting. The Chair opened the floor for discussion or amendments. Helen Chupco recommended a correction be made on page three, first paragraph under New Business. It read "NCA 82-10" and should be reading "NCA 82-02". A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Bible to approve the minutes with the correction as stands. Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval the Minutes were approved and will be recorded as such and entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

OLD BUSINESS: ORDINANCES

NCA 82-05 entitled "Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation confirming an appointment by the Principal Chief to the Housing Authority Board". Ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The nomination by the Principal Chief of Anthony (Tony) Hale to serve upon the Housing Authority Board is hereby confirmed by the National Council, to complete the unexpired term of Clarence Cloud as provided by ordinance. A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Cloud to approve NCA 82-05 as read. Motion carried by unanimous vote of approval, NCA 82095 stand approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

NCA 82-07 entitled "Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation confirming an appointment by the Principal Chief to the Citizenship Board had been placed on the legislative calendar, however, at the request of the Principal Chief, The Chair made a motion to "table" this ordinance. (The Principal Chief has been out of his office all week and had not a chance to forward a resume on the nominee.) By unanimous vote of approval, NCA 82-07 was "Tabled" and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

NCA 82-15 entitled "Ordinance requesting the tribal government be involved in the process of Band Analysis (Zero Based Budgeting) at the Muscogee Area Office, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. the ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101. FINDINGS: The National Council finds that: A. The Band Analysis process of the BIA is an effective and meaningful component of tribal-federal relations and is responsible for continuing improvement of tribal understanding of the operations and responsibilities of the BIA programs, B. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation participates in the annual band analysis for the Okmulgee agency and believes this participation is meaningful and effective., C. To date, the Muscogee Area BIA Office has not implemented a Band Analysis process which the tribal government receiving services can participate, D. Many, if not most, BIA Area Offices provide a procedure for this participation in their jurisdiction, E. Problems of this Nation's understanding of Muscogee Area Office

allocating funds (including but not limited to 1982 Child Welfare Grants) require that this Nation promote among the federally recognized Tribes and Nations in Eastern Oklahoma, the establishment of an area-wide Band Analysis process. **Section 102. DECLARATION OF POLICY:** It is the policy of the Muscogee Nation to: A. Recommend to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs that a Band Analysis be established at the Muscogee Area Office, B. Recommend to other tribal governments in Eastern Oklahoma that they support and participate in an area wide procedure for tribal participation in Muscogee Area Office Band Analysis. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief is authorized to correspond with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs and federally recognized Indian tribes and Nations urging the speedy adoption of a procedure for Muscogee Area Office Band Analysis. Ordinance having been read, the Chair opened the floor for discussion or amendments. None. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of approval, NCA 82-15 hereby stands adopted and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

NCA 82-16 entitled "Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation establishing the intent of the Nation to apply for U.S. Department of Labor (CETA) Funds for Fiscal Year 1983, pursuant to 20 CFR 688.11 The ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Muscogee Nation hereby declares its intent to apply for U.S. D.O.L. CETA funds for FY 83. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief shall file this ordinance with the U.S. Department of Labor pursuant to 20 CFR 688.11 **Section 103.** The Principal Chief shall keep the National Council advised of all progress toward the final award of the 1983 CETA grant. Questions or amendments. None. Motion carried by unanimous vote of approval and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws.

NCA 82-17 entitled "Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending the Tribal Ordinance requiring that preference in employment with the Nation be granted to Indians. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 81-40 is hereby amended at Section 103 as follows: A. Paragraph "D" is repealed. Ordinance having been read, the Chair opened the floor for discussion. None. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Johnson to adopt 82-17 as read. A roll call vote was made with the results being: Three in favor, Four against, No abstentions. Voting results were: Chupco-Yea, McIntosh-No, Cloud-No, Johnson-Yea, Bible-No, Larney-Yea, Roberts-No. Motion did not carry by majority vote. The Chair recognized Councilman Larney. **Larney:** "Mr. Speaker, I have something to say. What gives us the right to violate the constitution of the Creek Nation? We're not able to change that constitution unless its by the vote of the people and that's in direct conflict with the constitution. Anybody can get it and read it." **The Chair opened the floor for discussion on NCA 82-17. Chupco:** "Its in conflict with the constitution. **Larney:** "That's right, they run for office to uphold the constitution and thats the only thing I want to see done is to uphold the constitution." **Chupco:** "Mr. Speaker, I would like to make a statement that I took my oath of office saying that I would uphold the constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and realizing within the constitution of our tribe that I as a representative should not be involved in hiring practices. That is my vote against, because I aim to uphold the constitution and this is in direct conflict when we began to get involved in hiring practices." **Roberts:** "Mr. Speaker I read the constitution over a period of three or four days and article five, section 102 (d), I believe it says, I'm not sure of the exact words, I think the Principal Chief can create and fill those offices within the Executive Branch with the advise and consent of the National Council. I think Tribal Ordinance NCA 81-40 does just that." **Larney:** "I read the constitution, he has a right to appoint members to vacancies on those boards and that is a separate deal than this." **Roberts:** "I didn't read it that way." **Chupco:** "As I understand, that's the Executive Branch and this is what they are involved in, if I intrepret it different by team of government or unilateral, well its three different sets and we have certain responsibilities as representatives and the administration, the Executive has a different responsibilities, and Judicial Branch still has a different responsibility, it doesn't fall within the category of legislative branch of the tribal government, that's my intrepretation. I have consulted a lawyer and I am basing it on that, I have asked the Tribal Attorney, Mr. Perryman here, before, and if we were to go to Court, we would lose." **McIntosh:** "How come we approve this to start with, if this is so wrong? It's signed by the Principal Chief and voted on unanimously by the Council." **Larney:** "I'm going on record, if anything goes to court that I'm opposed to it and I don't believe in violating the constitution. I would like for that to go in the minutes, too."

NCA 82-18 entitled "Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation requesting the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to accept tribal lands to be held in trust by the United States." Ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101. This ordinance is the final act of approval required prior to transfer of tribal lands held in fee simple to the United States to be held in trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to transfer title to the following described lands held in fee simple to the United States to be held in trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section (Creek) Nation: A. Dewar Community Center, B. Weleetka Community Center, C. Wetumka Community Center. Section 103.** The Muscogee Nation having paid in full for the above described lands said lands shall be transferred to the United States in trust for the Muscogee Nation in consideration for the benefits to be obtained from owning lands in trust. **Section 104.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation request that the Bureau of Indian Affairs approve holding the lands in trust, under the title: "United States of America in Trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Indians in Oklahoma". **Section 105.** The Principal Chief is authorized to submit to the Bureau of Indian Affairs such supplemental information and date on this subject as they may require. Mr. Trepp informed the Council that the legal description on Section 102, "C" is incorrect and at that time the Chair opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Roberts advised the Council that if the legal description was corrected, he didn't have any problems with it. Mr. Breshears addressed the Council that he would check into this and correct the error and advised the Council that at this time he was not for sure whether this description was left out of the Administration's draft or the original ordinance. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Roberts to "Table" this ordinance until a correct deescription could be on the original ordinance. Motion carried. NCA 82-18 Tabled.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: Items for consideration would be NCA 82-19 entitled "Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation preventing the sale, transfer, disposition of encumbrance of tribal lands of the Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma." The Chair opened the floor for discussion. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Roberts that NCA 82-19 be placed on the agenda for consideration. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101. No tribal lands of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Indians in Oklahoma, whether held in trust by the United States, owned by fee simple by the Muscogee Nation, or arising as any other property right (e.g., reversionary interest or escheat), may be so transferred, disposed of or encumbered in any unless the following procedures are fully complied with: A. Public Hearing, advertised twice in the thirty days prior to its being held in at least one newspaper of general circulation in each legislative district of the Muscogee Nation shall be called by ordinance and convened by the Principal Chief. B. An ordinance shall be required to approve the action discussed in the Public Hearing. C. A Public Law of the United States shall be required to assure the Muscogee Nation that the entity to which the property would be sold, transferred, disposed, or encumbered has legal authority to enter into said transaction with the Muscogee Nation. **Section 102.** Violation of section 101 of this ordinance shall, upon conviction of the individual or group involved, be deemed a felony under tribal law.**

Cities With Largest American Indian Population

RANK	CITY	1980	1970	% INCREASE
1.	Los Angles-Long Beach CA	48,158	23,908	49.6
2.	Tulsa OK	38,498	15,183	39.4
3.	Oklahoma City OK	24,752	12,951	52.3
4.	Phoeniz AZ	22,900	10,127	44.2
5.	Albuquerque NM	20,788	5,822	28.0
6.	San Francisco-oakland CA	18,139	12,041	66.4
7.	Riverside-San Bernadino-onterio CA	17,265	5,941	34.4
8.	Seattle-Everett WA	16,578	8,814	53.2
9.	Minneapolis-St. Paul MN	15,875	9,911	62.4
10.	Tucson AZ	14,927	8,704	58.7
11.	San Diego CA	14,616	6,007	41.1
12.	New York NY	13,136	9,984	76.0
13.	Detroit MI	12,483	5,203	41.7
14.	Dallas-Ft. Worth TX	11,225	5,500	49.0
15.	Sacramento CA	11,164	3,548	31.8
16.	Denver CO	9,177	4,104	44.7
17.	Anchorage AK	8,901	*	
18.	Portland OR	7,305	4,059	55.6
19.	Milwaukee WI	6,534	3,835	58.3
20.	Rapid City SD	3,922	*	
21.	Fayetteville NC	3,660	1,995	54.5
22.	Great Falls MT	2,670	*	
23.	Billings MT	2,268	*	

DATA is for States with 25,000 or more American Indian Population.

* Counts are not available.

Section 103. Persons convicted under section 102 of this ordinance may be fined not less than \$500. **Section 104.** Any action taken contrary to section 101 of this ordinance shall be null and void under tribal law, and said action shall be a nullity for all purposes except section 1 and 103 of this ordinance. Ordinance having been read the Chair opened the floor for discussion. None. Motion carried by unanimous vote of approval. NCA 82-19 hereby stands adopted and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Chair introduced the Principal Chief and Mr. Breshears, Executive Director, and asked if each would give a report on their report to Washington D.C.

PRINCIPAL CHIEF: Thank you Mr. Speaker, Council members and visitors. It's good to be back here after being outside the Creek Nation for about a week. I know there is a lot of things that we need to talk about and it would probably take us all day, but we will hit the highlights that went on since last meeting. One thing I would like to say is that we have lost two supporters of this tribe whose work will be remembered for many years, not only in tribal affairs but in Christian work throughout Indian country. That was Reverend Toney Hill and Reverend William Raiford of Dustin, who many of us all knew and who had a great inspiration in serving the people and were very close to a lot of us. The audience was asked to stand in silent prayer.

The Chief explained they left for Washington on Sunday. I don't know exactly how to start on this trip, a lot of things are going on now and it seems like we had an awful rough time getting there but we always come out in pretty good shape. Hopefully, we're going to come out with all the cuts and problems that we have had, without affecting us too bad. Right now we are faced with cuts in programs, but with reorganization I think we will weather it a lot better than a lot of other areas. This is something we should be thankful for. One thing is we are organized and we don't give up, we have to keep our foot in the door at all times. We have some good connections and a lot of people along the way that has made it easier. We should be thankful for that too. We went into Washington with the Five Tribes to find out things about the cuts and the Bureau reorganization. Some of the day to day problems that we have is items that have been in the Bureau for almost two years, we addressed this issue at the Washington level. One of the things we addressed several months ago was, if you are going to do any cutting, start at the top and work down, because we can't stand it at the bottom, because that's where the services are, that's where the needs are and so they have taken that approach. We are going to ride herd on the Bureau pretty close and see that they follow it. We would like to cut out the area office and go directly to the central office. For instance on the land purchase that we have been working on for several years, when we got up there we brought this issue up. You know they did not even know where it was, they keep asking one another. I thought it was in Tribal Operations, but they did not know so they said they would get back with us at one o'clock. Well, he had it in Tribal Operations and what he did was take it to the Solicitors office so we would have something on it right away. We have an attorney up there and he will be riding this thing out and hopefully we will get that thing out within the next thirty days. That's been the problem, if you have a problem and if you're waiting on the Bureau to act, if you don't follow that thing right up the line it gets lost. They are supposed to beef up the agency level so we won't have all these problems, but I can't see it unless we can go directly to the central office. I think we should work for cutting out the area level, it really hasn't ever given us any support without us getting in there and really fighting. Hopefully this change will come about and we will benefit by not cutting out the services to the people. In talking to the Congressional people from Oklahoma, they were promised that they would be the first to know about the reorganization by the BIA, they were pretty upset because they only find out things through reading the newspapers. They are going to come down on the Bureau pretty hard for this. In dealing with the Bureau, you find out they have a lot of people up there that don't know what they are doing. They are setting in offices reading books, if you watch the papers and the TV programs, you will find out they are catching up with a lot of them.

This creates a problem in taxes all the way down the line. I think it ought to be cut out. I think they could save a lot of money in their operations that could be used for services to the people, but they are trying to keep it all in their administration. I know its going to be hard because they are fighting for their lives too, so we have got a hard road to hold. They keep getting new programs and new people to administer the programs. When the programs run out, they just move the people around--somewhere, anywhere. They never really cut down on the administration budget. I think they could take a good look and start a new crop as we say and cut all the dead wood, leaving funds at the lower level to where the people are really getting the services. Because that is why they were put there to start with, is to provide services to those people, elderly, education and the obligations they have to the Indian people.

That is about the gist of our meeting, I think we are making progress and hopefully this change will not drag out. We really don't know where we are on our '82 funds yet, we don't have the budget settled. When we were in Washington, they said we could know by the time we got home. I have been informed we have only recieved unofficial tentative figures. One other thing I would like to talk about is because of our budget cuts, we are running a little behind on our long range plans, but we are going to get in there and push and bring them in a lot faster. We should really get moving and show good returns on our agri-business at the end of the year.

We're moving pretty fast on the non-perishable goods, we hope that within the next thirty days we will be distributing good to enrolled members throughout the Creek Nation. If you will take a good look, I think you will see that we are way ahead of others with the money we recieved to do certain things, because we have a lot of things to show for it where a lot of them don't have anything to show or have any records. **We are at the top and I'm glad that we are there. It has taken a lot of good people to get there and we ought to give them a pat on the back and work together. Thank you.**

The Speaker then turned the meeting over to the Executive Director, Gary Breshears. BRESHEARS: There are two other issues we discussed at the current time. One of them was the Health Program, and the other was housing. I would like to address the health portion and Ron Froman will discuss the housing portion.

As far as the health program goes right now, President Reagan has submitted his budget to Congress and there has been some drastic changes affecting the Indian people. Two of the major areas is that of the CHR program and that of the urban health program. Oklahoma operates two of the urban programs, one in Tulsa and the other in Oklahoma City. Each tribe in the Oklahoma City area and probably most every tribe throughout the United States operates a CHR program. President Reagan's budget that was submitted to Congress zeros out both of these programs for FY83. We are very concerned because we know the CHR program provides valuable services to the Creek people, our program here has been in existence a number of years and has developed to a point to where we believe it is a model program for tribes throughout the United States. The OMB, the people who helped Mr. Reagan put together his budget, said the CHR program was stricken for 1983 because they felt it was not direct services to the people like a clinic or hospital is. We have taken an exception with this stand, we know for a fact that direct services are provided to the Indian people through our CHR program. We have the mobile clinic service and each one of our people who are involved provide services directly to the Indian people. We have taken a firm stand, as well as have other tribes. We met recently in Washington with the Congressional delegation and they seem to agree

that by cutting out these services through the CHR programs there would be a disastrous affect in health care for the Indian people.

We were pleased when we went to Senator Boren's office and when we told him about the concern of cutting out the community health programs, his response was, "I have been to the Creek Nation and I have seen their programs, radio equipped cars, mobile health clinic and I know for a fact that direct services are given to the Indian people through this program." He has agreed along with the other people in Congress to support the CHR program for FY83 and make every attempt to put it back into the budget so we can continue operations throughout the next fiscal year.

We also met with Everett Rhoades, Director of Indian Health Service. He said things were quite critical there and there was some talk of OMB saying because Indian Health Service is behind in its budget for this year, and if they do not plan on having a CHR program for next year to go ahead and cut it out for the rest of this year since it was going out anyway to save money. Since that time, I understand that there has been no action to cut back the CHR program for the rest of this fiscal year. We are manning all our forces to fight his thing to make sure that it is put back into the appropriations on the Congress side.

One other success we had, we met with Wes Watkins, Congressman from Oklahoma. We discussed with him some of the major concerns we have in the area of BIA reorganization and the Indian Health Service problem at the area office and so forth. The suggestion he made was that he would come down and hold within his district a public hearing for input from the Indian people in Oklahoma on these issues of BIA consolidation on Indian Health Service and CHR Program, and the likes. We have drafted a letter to be forwarded to his office requesting that such a hearing be held. We are hopeful that within the next few months a hearing will be scheduled, and of course the Creek Nation and individual members will be having the opportunity as to how we feel changes should be made affecting our people. Basically, that is how we stand on some of these issues regarding our health programs. Some of the other things that have happened, Ron Froman will tell you about, they are also taking a similar approach to the housing area and we are placed in a position where we have come up with new alternatives and new plans. Ron Froman can address that issue, Mr. Speaker. If there are any questions regarding these other issues, I am open to answer. The Speaker thanked Mr. Breshears and announced to the Council and audience that Mr. Froman would be discussing the housing situation and asked if he would like to address the group.

Under other business Mr. Larney requested that he have the floor. MR. LARNEY: "WE have passed an ordinance on Indian Preference. I know some of the people setting out here do not know what paragraph "D" is. Paragraph "D" is with the approval by the National Council on the director or manager. You read your National Constitutional, you can see that the Chief has the right to approve any appointments to boards. But we do not have the right to hire people or fire people. The way they wrote this up, paragraph "D" will repeal that. They did not explain what is under paragraph "D". You know I don't like to get excited or get uptight about it, I voted on the ordinance, the old Council voted on the ordinance. The new council, Clarence Cloud, Nelson Johnson and Andy Bible didn't vote on the ordinance. It was signed by the Chief, Claude A. Cox, you have to understand that during the times that we voted on these, we were standing together to make everything look peaceful in the Creek Nation. So we would not bring any discredit on the Creek Nation, if that is necessary. If we have violated the constitution, then I would like to see this ordinance withdrawn. It made it look like we voted against Indian preference, we did not do that. Paragraph "D" is just one minor part of that Indian Preference Ordinance.

I believe in Indian preference, I also believe in the good of the Creek Nation. But I don't want to try to cover up nothing from the people--no one--never have been that way. Never want to be that way. I think Nelson Johnson could probably elaborate on that also. But you can't get down on the new council for that. The other day we had a vote on this ordinance, some voted against one person, some voted to uphold the ordinance. Some voted not to violate somebody's rights, and that's the reason the vote is like it is. I know we had this in a planning session, anybody could attend a planning session, they could have heard how some of them voted. But if we violated the Constitution then we need to correct that. I don't feel like it's the National Council getting involved with hiring and firing them. Thank you."

Mr. Johnson made a motion to take a ten minute recess, seconded by Carney Roberts. When the session reconvened, the meeting was turned over to Ron Froman, Executive Director of Creek Nation Housing Authority.

Mr. Froman explained in detail about the 1982-83 Housing Program and stated that over a year ago the Indian program had 6,000 units in the '81 budget. Those were done in an '81 appropriations that had already been reported out of committee. The administration came back and requested a rescission of 1,000 units on this, and dropping from 6,000 to 5,000 unit rescission level and then requested that it be zeroed out in '82. Several of the tribes met and decided that they could live with a 1,000 rescission, but they could not live with zeroed out funding for FY82. Two of the decisions made at that time were: to restore those units into the '82 budget and see if there was some way they could alternate programs as to what the tribe held now. The net results of all this is 4,000 units in the FY82 budget, further in Congress the units got cut to 2,400. We thought at this time, the tribe could have had 6,400 units over this two-year span.

Again, at this time the tribe is being faced with the same thing. Administration has requested that the 4,000 units in 1982 be rescinded and zeroed out in 1983. The rescission they asked for is not specifically zeroed in on the Indian program, but all public housing and all new construction. They have requested that they zero these projects out in 1982. The monies they could be using for these projects and those that are not under construction be used for rehabilitation or demolition instead of for new construction.

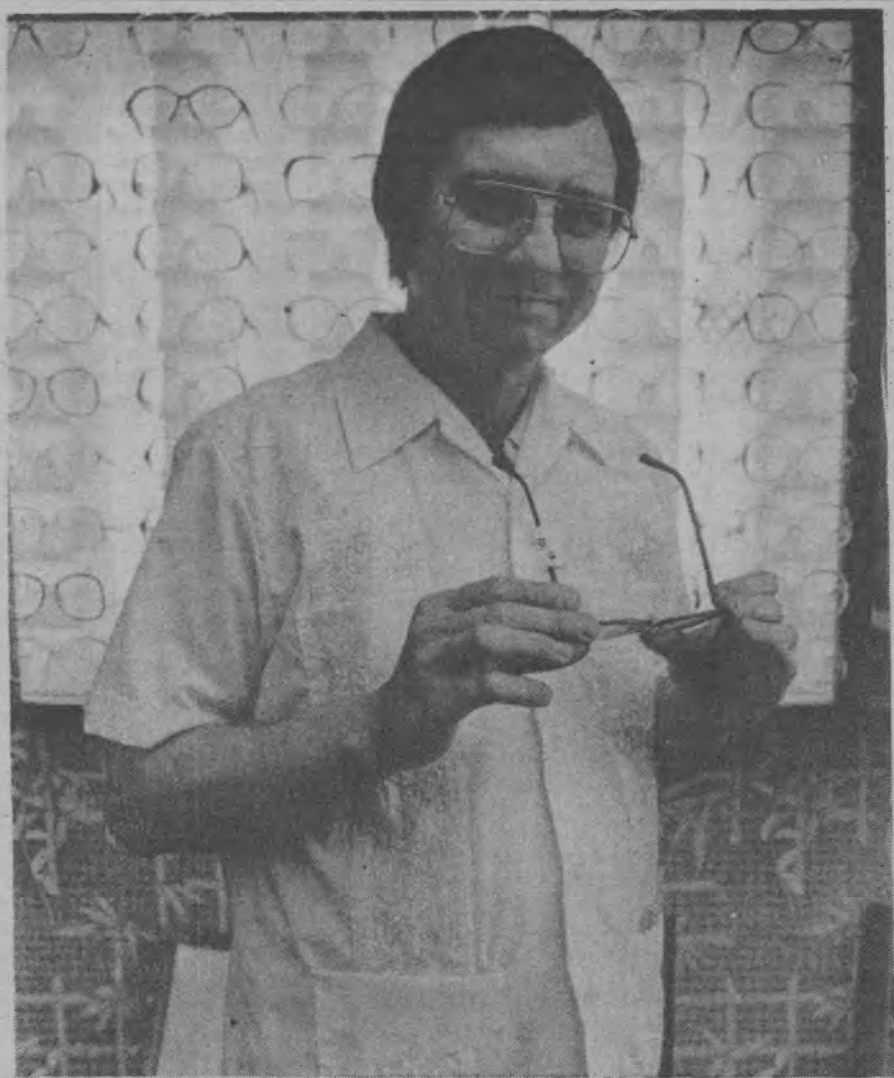
What it amounts to is that the Mutual Help Program for the Indians has probably seen its last days. What we have now is the units presently under construction. As it stands now, we have 25, 68 and 75 that we have on board. If the rescission stands in 83, we will probably have none. I'm thinking the rescission will not stand. I think out of the 4,000, the Creeks will and can anticipate somewhere around 125 more out of the 4,000. The rescission may stand and if its approved, we are looking at about 143 more. Further discussion was held on the progress in which he has to follow in overseeing the Housing Program.

With the conclusion of the presentation he opened the floor for discussion or questions. One question from Woodrow Sulpher was directed to Mr. Froman. He advised Froman of the area in which he lived, which was Eufaula, and told of relieving a water system. He had water for one week and the system messed up and the people who worked on it promised him that they would come back and drill him a new well to keep him in water, which was never done. Mr. Froman advised Mr. Sulpher that he would contact IHS and report this to them. Mr. Sulpher advised Mr. Froman that this action had taken place over ten years ago.

OTHER BUSINESS, REPORTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, ETC.

The planning session was set for March 10, 1982 in the Council chambers beginning at 6:30 p.m., Creek Nation Complex. Easter Sunday Service, April 8, 11 a.m. with service by Reverend Solomon Bullett, pastor Little Cussetah Baptist Church Sapulpa. Dinner will be served at noon with an egg hunt after dinner.

ADJOURNMENT. BENEDICTION: Jimmy Skeeter in Muscogee Creek language.



"Eye Wear Boutique" Owned by Creek Optician

Jim Lerblance is a Creek Indian operating a very unique business in Okmulgee. Lerblance is an optician. After you visit an optometrist, you obtain a prescription and take it to Lerblance's Eye Wear Boutique in much the same manner as you would take a prescription to the drug store to be filled. In some

cases, such as single vision glasses, that same day your prescription can be completed and you can be wearing your new glasses. Most repairs can be made while the customer waits.

"The procedure is rather simple," says Lerblance. "For either replacement or repair, one must go to his Optometrist for a visual examination. Ask for a copy of the prescription, and bring it to Eye Wear Boutique." With complete laboratory facilities on the premises, and hundreds of fashionable eye glass frames to select from, Lerblance can accurately fill the Optometrist's prescription and satisfy the most particular individual in eye wear fashion.

In the laboratory, Lerblance will

select lens blanks that meet the requirements prescribed by the optometrist from a stock of hundreds of lens blanks which have been pre-ground at the factory. Lerblance will measure the dimensions of the eye size to determine the placement of the optical centers and mark these points on the selected lens blanks. The lens are then cut to the shape of the frames the customer has selected from stock right there in the boutique.

Besides providing a complete prescription eye glass service for Okmulgee County, Eye Wear Boutique features Bushnell sunglasses and still soon be stocking binoculars and scopes.

Lerblance opened his shop last July in the McCulloch building after moving from California, where he managed and operated several shops similar to his own shop here in Okmulgee. Lerblance reminds everyone he gives 10% discount to senior citizens. When asked about "Indian Prices," He said that would be negotiable. Jim Lerblance is the son of Frank Lerblance of Checotah and the grandson of Willie Lerblance.

Indian Business

Lane Beaver Opens Men's Hair Style Shop And Tavern

"Exclusively His" is an Indian owned enterprise in Okmulgee operated by Lane Beaver. Located at 214 West Sixth, the men's hair styling shop features perms, shampoos, shaves and beard trims in a masculine setting of wood and (soon to be) Indian decor.

After working in men's styling shops in the Tulsa area, Lane decided she preferred men's styling to that of the more conventional women's salons. Making the men customers perfectly at ease with a headful of permanent rods is a trait Lane has perfected to the max. "Men want to look their best, just as women do. If they want the natural curly look they can come in my shop without the fear of getting laughed at or feeling effeminate," Lane said. She added that she also teaches them the techniques of properly taking care of their "curly".

If you happen to drop in around noon, you might want to have a sandwich first at the connecting Bull's Head Inn operated by Lane's brother, James Morgan. If you just happen to stay the afternoon, you can be entertained by another brother, Johnny Morgan providing live music with his band.

The Bull's Head features a bar imported from St. Louis around 1865 and the head of a once world champion rodeo bucking bull, "Snowflake", which was given to Lane and James by local rodeo stock contractor, Carl Rice.

Whichever door you go in, the main entrance to the "Bull's Head" at 100 Wall (incidentally the only address on the street) located in the alley between Exclusively His and John's Western Wear or the "Exclusively His" entrance on Sixth Street, you'll find a congenial atmosphere. . . By the way, women are welcome too!!





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FESTIVAL '82 PLANS SET

BY HELEN BENNETT

Creek Festival '82 is scheduled June 18-19 with the majority of activities taking place in Henryetta, announced Bill Fife, chairman of the Festival Committee.

For the past few months, committee members consisting of a few dedicated tribal employees have been busy raising funds to support the festival activities and purchase trophies. A Bingo is held each Monday night at the Complex with all profits going into the festival fund.

CREEK PRINCESS PAGEANT

The Creek Princess will be selected a week prior to the Festival at 7 p.m., June 12. The Pageant will be held at the Henryetta Civic Center (see page 2 for candidate qualifications).

TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Events taking place in Okmulgee will be the Tennis Tournament at City Park beginning at 8 a.m., Saturday and Sunday. Lucien Berryhill is in charge of the tourney and can be contacted at 756-8700 for more information.

CREEK NATIONAL OLYMPICS

The Creek National Olympics will be held at Harmon Field in Okmulgee June 19, starting at 8 a.m. This is always an exciting event to watch as Indian youth compete against each other for the national titles.

CREEK 6th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 6th Annual Creek Golf Tournament will be held at Western Hills Golf Course located at Sequoyah State Park near Wagoner June 19-20. Registration and tee times will be 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday. Entry fee is \$25, cash only! Cash awards will be given in only! Cash awards will be given. A Barbeque dinner will be catered Saturday. For more information call Rick Kelly at 756-8700.

FATHER'S DAY DINNER

The Father's Dinner will be held at the Henryetta Civic Center, June 17 with services beginning at 11 a.m. Everyone is invited!

FESTIVAL PARADE

Downtown Henryetta is the scene for the Festival Parade at 10

a.m., Saturday. Contact Robert Trepp at the Complex for entry and lineup information.

SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

The renowned Creek Festival Softball Tournament will start Friday evening with the Men's fast-pitch at Nichols Park in Henryetta. The Women's slow-pitch will start Saturday morning. Entry deadline is June 4 with a \$70 fee and 24 team limit for both men and women. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place team trophies and 1st place individual jackets, 2nd place individual bags and 3rd place individual trophies will be awarded. Also all-star plaques and sportsmanship trophies will be given away.

VOLLEYBALL & HORSESHOE ARTS & CRAFTS - YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Arts and crafts, Volleyball, Horseshoes, and youth activities will be conducted simultaneously

throughout the day Saturday at Nichols Park

GOSPEL SINGING

Saturday evening, Frank Buck will host a Gospel Singing at the Henryetta Civic Center. Several well known groups are expected to attend.

CREEK 8th ANNUAL RODEO

Friday and Saturday evening, the Creek Nation 8th Annual Rodeo will take place at the Sundown Arena, west of Henryetta. The '82 Creek Rodeo Queen will be selected Saturday and announced later that evening at the performance. Books open for entry June 18, 8 a.m. and close 8 p.m. Prize money at this year's rodeo is \$2,200, in addition to an all-around trophy saddle and trophy buckles for each event to be given away.

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Plan now to attend Creek Festival '82!!! Everybody else is!



MISS INDIAN AMERICA Jerald LeBeau visited Creek Nation recently. She was escorted by former Miss Indian America, Susan Arkeketa, granddaughter of Creeks Mr. and Mrs. Jess Freeman.

Indian Physicians To See Fife Collection

A special showing of the "Fife Collection" will be included in the agenda for the annual conference of the Association of American Indian Physicians scheduled at Creek Nation July 21-24.

The collection is a line of Creek motif designed clothing by the Fife Family and has been shown across the Nation. The show is being sponsored by the Creek Festival Committee.

The Indian Physicians will meet here to review environmental health hazards as they relate to American Indians. Each day of the conference, a different Creek community will serve lunch to the participants. A banquet is also planned and a Stomp Dance later that evening.



CHIEF COX ISSUES FIRST TOBACCO LICENSE to Sonny McKinney for the Wetumka Indian Center. The Center plans to open a Smoke Shop in their new facilities.



JAMIE MICCA COLLINS was born March 18 at Claremore Indian Hospital. Her parents are Michael Collins and Kimberley Harjo Collins of Tulsa. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy C. Harjo of Tulsa and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins of Quantico, VA. Great Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Webster Chalakee of Okmulgee. Jamie's Uncle is Kelly Harjo of Tulsa.

Claremore Schedules Indian Rodeo, May 15

Claremore Indian Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 16, 2:00 p.m. at Claremore Junior College Rodeo Arena.

The rodeo is sanctioned by the All Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma, the All Indian Cowboys Association and the Navajo Nation Association. \$100 will be added in each event. If 20 or more enter an event, it will be one go, under 20 contestants will be two go-rounds.

Entry fee is \$55 and includes office charge. Junior Barrel Racing entry fee is \$35 with \$50 added money. All contestants must be at least 1/4 degree or more Indian.

Drawings will be held for an Indian blanket and a television set. Arts and crafts are welcome. Miss Indian Rodeo America, Lynn Star McGuire will be present.

Books open May 10, 9:00 a.m. and close May 11, 9:00 p.m. Call 918/599-0137 for entry.

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Indian Golf Tourney Set At Seminole

An All-Indian Golf Tournament is scheduled May 22-23 at the Jimmy Austin Golf Course at Seminole. Entry fee is \$30 (cash only) and includes Green Fees. Cash Prizes! Three place each flight. Flights will include Championship, A,B,C, & D. Birdie balls on Saturday only. Closest to pin and longest drive contest will be on Sunday.

Qualifying will start Monday, May 18 thru Saturday, May 22. All flights are shotgun start, 8 a.m., Sunday, May 23 (no exceptions). The tournament is sponsored by the Haskell Alumni Association of Oklahoma. Benefits are \$5 out of each entry goes to a Student Scholarship Fund at Haskell Junior College. A Saturday evening meal will be served at 6 p.m. at Seminole City Park.

For more information call: Calvin Dailey, 405/382-6629; Sid Carney, 405/247-5771; or the golf pro at J.A. Golf Course, Tony Doudican, 405/382-3365.

BINGO!

Play Bingo and win CASH PRIZES. All proceeds go for fund raising for Creek Festival '82. Every Monday, except second Monday each month, 7 P.M., Creek Tribal Complex.

Chilocco Reunion Scheduled June 12

A reunion is scheduled June 12 for all Chilocco former alumni, employees and spouses, at the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge located at I-44 & 11th St. in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Deadline for room reservation is May 28th. Make reservation by writing to Howard Johnsons Motor Lodge 11620 E. Skelly Drive, Tulsa, Okla. or phone 918-437-9200. 100 rooms will be reserved.

Agenda

Registration 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Business meeting 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 Banquet 7:00 p.m. followed by dance.

Registration fee is \$18.00 or 20.00 day of registration. The Class of 1962 will be honored.

Contact person is Tommy Revas, Rt. 1 Box 177B Seminole, Ok. 74868.

**WELCOME EVERYONE!!!
EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT!**

Everyone is invited to join the Bible Study lessons, that are held every Thursday night from 7:30 til 8:30 p.m.. Located in the Mound Auditorium at Creek Nation Complex.

Tim Bigpond will be continuing his teaching series on the Book of Proverbs, and continued lesson on Faith. The lessons are reviewed for the newcomers.

Brother Tim has been teaching us the ways Satan can and does influence our lives if we leave God's Word out of our life.



THE CHEBONS, with a score of 3215 were the 1st place winners at the National Indian Classic Bowling Tournament held recently at Tiffany Bowl In Tulsa. Team members are Max Factor, Robert Miller, Phil Cahwee, Mike Berryhill, and Chebon Miller.

Men's Softball Tourney At Wetumka, May 15

The Wetumka Indian Community is sponsoring a Men's Softball Tournament May 15 and 16. Entry fee is \$55. Contact Daniel or Darrell Coachman at 405-452-5813.

TO THE EDITOR:

I enjoy the MNN paper and do think you people are doing a great job, it has much information, and news on the happenings about the Creeks.

There are 2 reasons for my writing, one in which I have already stated, and the other is pertaining to the article that was printed in the Aug. '1981 paper', 'If its For Religion its Ok'. I haven't seen anyones comments on it, pro or con. But I would like to say this, our ancestors were permitted to have and wear the eagle feathers once they became a warrior, willing to go out and fight against the enemy. Some were able to have and wear the Hawk and Eagle feathers after they had become a man. But now we can't have on display our eagle feathers unless we use them in "the Indian Religion". I'm a ordain Minister of the Baptist faith, and a full blood Indian, and a veteran, But still not allowed to have or display the Eagle feather. The permit I can understand, but the rest I don't. I think we as "Indian Veterans" should be able to have the Eagle and Hawk feathers and what if we don't belong to "the Indian Religion", does that eliminate us from owning or having the Eagle or Hawk feathers? And what do I do with the feathers that I have now? Surrender them? because I'm not joining the "Indian Religion" I would like to see this Federal law changed for the Veterans anyway.

I hope that others will make some comments on this article as well, maybe with others voicing their opinion, something can be done for us "Eagle feather holders".

Thank you for your time,
J.H. Bruner
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CN Agri-Business Holds Fat Hog Sale

During the week of May 17, the Creek Nation Agri-Business will be conducting a Fat Hog Sale for enrolled tribal members.

Persons wishing to purchase hogs may come by the Agri-Business headquarters at Dustin. Hogs will be limited to two (2) per family. Enrolled tribal members will receive a 4¢ per pound discount on their purchase based on the May 17 OKC market report. The price will not change during the week of the sale.

Indian churches and other Indian organizations may purchase as many as needed. The hogs are corn fed and of excellent quality. The hogs will be weighed out at the time of purchase and loaded for the customer.

The Agri-Business also offers live rabbits for sale at \$3 or dressed at \$4 each. Holstein bull calves are for sale on a limited basis. First come, first serve! The calves sell for \$75 each when they are five days old. For any other Agri-Business information contact Sonny O'Hern at 918/656-3218 or 656-3502 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

CN Head Start Starts Enrollment May 20

Creek Nation Headstart is located at 800 Forest Avenue, in Eufaula and serves low-income children with the majority of the enrollment Native American.

In order to be eligible to apply with the Head Start, a child needs to be three years old by September 1, 1982. Pre-enrollment will begin May 20 and continue through May 28. Hours will be 9 a.m. til 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Priorities for enrolling in Head Start are: (1) Low-income Indian children ages 4 and 5 who will be eligible for Kindergarten the following year. (2) Low-income Indian children ages 3 and 4 who will not be eligible for kindergarten. (3) Handicapped children. (4) Non-Indian low-income children. (5) Over-income children.

The following information should be brought with you when you enroll your child in Head Start. Failure to provide this information will cause your application to be put on a waiting list. (1) Proof of income (this can be a W-2, 1040(A) Employer's statement or a paycheck stub) (2) Birth Certificate (this needs to be a State Certified) (3) Immunization record (4) CDIB (Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood) This can be the parent's card. (5) If AFDC recipient, please bring your card to verify this.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the center at 689-5253 or 689-5613, Raylene Stafford, Supervisor.

Rodeo In Memorium Of Indian Cowboys

The 8th Annual Creek Nation Rodeo, scheduled June 18-19, will be in memorium to deceased Indian cowboys, announced Gene Dunson, president of the Creek Nation Rodeo Association.

"These cowboys are being honored as forerunners for the Indian Rodeo Association", Dunson said. "Before there was an Indian association where Indians could compete against each other for world championship titles, these guys traveled nation-wide making rodeos, always being known as Indian", he added. "Their talent and dedication has been influential to many of our Indian association members today", Dunson stated.

Dunson has compiled a list of honorees. In an effort to not slight anyone that should be added, He requests additional names be sent to him along with information and photos if possible on any of the honorees. All photos will be returned unharmed after they are used for publication in the rodeo program and the Muscogee Nation News.

Information should include: name, date of death, association membership (if any), awards (buckles, saddles etc.), tribal affiliation (Creek or otherwise), resident area, rodeo event practiced, descendants now in rodeo participation, and anything else you may want to add.

Please send information and photos by May 21 in order for it to be used in the Rodeo program to: Creek Nation Rodeo Association c/o Gene Dunson, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447 or call Dunson at 918-756-8504 or Helen Bennett 918/756-8700.

Those already listed are: Bunny Harjo, Frank Autry, Sam Proctor, Lewis Tiger, Andrew Tiger, Mutt Hogan, Senora Burgess, Ellis Roper Riley Burgess, Eddy Burgess, Lewis Bland, Herb Meyers, John Brown, Monroe Sawyer, Raymond Woods, Jimmy Tiger, Andrew Paul, Frank Rowe, Blu Gentry, and the recently deceased AIRAO Team Roping Director Bert Barnett.

Community Olympics Scheduled May 22

"Last year the Creek Nation Olympic Team lost to a very fine and strong Kiowa team. This year I'm sure Creek Nation youth are ready to regain their title as champions", said Pearl Thomas, director for the Sixth Annual Creek Nation National Olympics.

The Olympics will be held during Creek Festival June 18-19 at Harmon Stadium in Okmulgee. Previous to the Nationals, a Community Olympics is set for May 22. All first place winners in each event will be combined to represent Creek Nation as a team in the Nationals.



CREEK RODEO QUEEN, Wendy Dunson and CREEK PRINCESS, Leslie Baricello attend the reception held recently for Miss Indian America at the Tribal Complex.

Creek Princess Candidates Needed!

Applications are now being accepted for candidates for Creek Nation Princess '82 until May 28. Judging will be based on: 1) Personality, 2) Poise, 3) Traditional Dress (non professional), 4) Talent either traditional or contemporary.

The Pageant is scheduled for June 12, 7 P.M. at the Civic Center in Henryetta. A Tea and Reception is scheduled for the Contestants and Judges at the Complex on June 5.

Qualifications for candidate acceptance are: 1) Senior in High School by June 1982 to a Junior in College, 2) Must reside within the boundaries of Creek Nation, unless attending school outside boundaries, 3) Must be 1/4 degree Creek and a member of the Creek

Nation, 4) Must never have been married or have a child, 5) Must submit two letters of recommendation from school official, church, tribal official, etc. Girls running in past pageants and meeting the above qualifications are encouraged to apply. All contestants are asked to be escorted; escorts should wear a ribbon shirt and dark trousers.

Prizes will be: 1st - \$200, 2nd - \$150, 3rd - \$100. A \$500 scholarship from the Creek Foundation will also be received by the winner. For more information and applications contact: Steve Wilson at the Tribal Complex, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447 or call 918-756-8700.



MARTHA CHALAKKEE is buying her Creek Festival T-Shirt early from Etta Conners. The shirts are now on sale at the Tribal Complex, Adults sizes \$6, Children sizes \$5.



Gerald Flud, Manager of the Creek Nation Discount Store and Jerry Powell, store employee, announce the items listed below are now on sale at the store. Flud reminds the Creeks they do not have to pay taxes on items purchased at the store. Flud also invites everyone to come visit him in the store and discover

many more items at great savings! Tony Mitchell likes to buy his smokes at the Creek store and so will you at savings up to 25¢ a package! All you need is a Creek Tribal Membership Card. Get one today at the Citizenship Board located in the Executive Building at the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

Creek Nation Discount Store

1 Gal. Clorox	.96	16 Oz. Van Camps Pork & Beans	.40
84 Oz. Cheer Detergent	3.63	5 Oz. Vienna Sausage	.53
84 Oz. Tide Detergent	3.70	14 Oz. Heinz Tomato Ketchup	.65
22 Oz. Dawn Liquid Detergent	1.34	32 Oz. Tree Top Apple Juice	1.00
1 Lb. Sofke Corn	.30	12 1/2 Oz. Star Kist Tuna	2.10
3 Lb. Crisco Shortening	2.37	20 Oz. Pineapple Sliced	.71
40 Oz. Pine-Sol	3.00	16 Oz. Del Monte Pear Halves	.69
5 Oz. Dial Bath Soap	.51	12 Oz. Mexicorn Whole Kernel	.54
10 Lb. Bag of Russet Potatoes	1.50	17 Oz. Del Monte Corn Cream Style	.50
5 Lb. Shur-Fine Enriched Flour	.96	16 Oz. Green Beans Del Monte	.48
5 Lb. Shur-Fine Enriched White Corn Meal	1.14	14 3/4 Oz. Ellis Blackeyed Peas	.46
Rainbow Bread (large loaf)	.88	15 Oz. Shur-Fine White Hominy	.29
Shur-Fresh Bread (large loaf)	.65	15 1/4 Oz. Pineapple Chunks	.58
2 Oz. Shilling Black Pepper	.60	17 Oz. Fruit Cocktail	.68
2 Oz. Shur-Fine Black Pepper	.46	12 1/4 Oz. Cheeries	1.23
1 Lb. Pinto Beans	.29	12 Oz. Peter Pan Peanut Butter	1.16
1 Lb. Navy White Beans	.40	12 Oz. Can Coca-Cola	.35
1 Lb. Black Eyed Peas	.43	12 Oz. Can Pepsi-Cola	.35
5 Lb. C&H Cane Sugar	1.64	Cigarettes Regular & Kings Per pack	.70
1 Lb. Folgers Coffee	2.48	Regulars & Kings per carton	5.85
1 Lb. Lipton Tea	3.48	100's Per pack	.75
1 Lb. Krispy Saltine Crackers	.76	100's per carton	5.90
Large Roll Paper Towels	.56	8.2 Oz. Crest tooth paste	1.59
32 Oz. Miracle Whip	1.40	2.5 Oz. Mennen Speed Stick Deodorant	1.40
9 Oz. Frenches Mustard	.44	24 Oz. Scope Mouth Wash	2.44
12 Oz. Can Spam	1.49	Large Baby Ruth Candy Bar	.20
20 Oz. Can Apple Pie Filling	.78		

NEW STORE HOURS!
Tuesday thru Saturday
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.



Located at Loop 56 & Sam Checotah Dr. in the Creek Nation Elderly Project





ELDERLY EASTER EGG HUNT

Memorium

NEWMAN THOMPSON SR.

Funeral services were conducted for Newman Thompson Sr., April 15, at his residence at Henryetta. With Rev. Roley Haynes officiating the service.

Mr. Thompson was born April 24, 1896 in Pierce, I.T. He became a member of the Silver Springs Indian Church in 1934. He was the Medicine Man at Arbeka Stomp Ground for eight years and was the oldest member of the tribal ceremonies at the Stomp Grounds at Arbeka.

Survivors include his wife, Cinda Thompson of the home, four daughters, Ethel Wyatt, Henryetta; Bessie Freeman and Etta Dickerson of Sand Springs, and Sara Harjo, Henryetta, six sons, Manuel Thompson, Checotah; Russel, Henry and Newman Jr. all of Henryetta; Marshall Thompson of Tohatchi, N.M., and Daniel (Bodee) Thompson, Schuler, 41 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

PHYLLIS JEAN COFFEY

Services were held Friday, April 30, at Little Cussetah Church in Sapulpa, for Phyllis Coffey.

Mrs. Coffey is survived by her son, Robert Eli Coffey, her parents Phillip and Helen Coon of Tulsa. Three aunts, Irene Hill, Florena Hummingbird, and Sophia Taryole, all of Okemah; one uncle Frank Simmer of Tulsa; Two great aunts, Martha Simmer and Winey Wesley, both of Cromwell, and one nephew Jeremy Coon.

Interment was at the Little Cussetah Cemetery.

MAXINE HOWARD WHEATLEY

Graveside rites were read Friday April 23rd for Maxine H. Wheatley, a native of Coweta.

Mrs. Wheatley was born in 1904 in Koweta, Indian Territory and received her schooling at Eufaula Indian Boarding school, Chilocco Indian Boarding school and was a graduate of Haskell Institute at Lawrence, Ks.

She was a secretary to the President of Shamrock Oil Co. of Amarillo, Tx. for over 30 years, and retired eight years ago.

Survivors include two sons, Roger H. Hutchinson of Sacramento, Ca. and Tom G. Hutchison of Wichita Falls; one sister, Stella Greene of Tulsa and one brother H.B. (Bunny) Howard of Broken Arrow; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were held at Vernon Cemetery in Coweta under the direction of the Marlin Funeral Home.

Rev. George Miller conducted the services with the assistance of Rev. Dave Bible, Rev. Tom Marshall, and Walter McHenry.

Creek Enrollment

The Enrollment Board would like to announce that there is no deadline on enrolling. Persons needing applications and instructions for enrolling as citizens may request them by writing:

**CITIZENSHIP BOARD
P.O. BOX 580
OKMULGEE, OK. 74447**

or by calling:

**CITIZENSHIP BOARD OFFICE
918/756-8700 at the Creek
Nation Complex.**

COMMUNITY NEWS

COWETA

BY NORA DOYLE

Sissy Hays won 1st in the Jr. Barrel racing at Nelagoney, Jana Rae Childers won 2nd place in the All Indian Rodeo.

Mickey Primeaux caught a 6 1/2 lb. Bass. They claim this is Mickey's fish story, but he says it's so true.

Sonya Cebal, who was in the Children's Medical Center is home, with her mother Thahila.

Larry Gillispie was on the Honor Roll at Okmulgee Tech.

Jeff Johnson and James Doyle participated in a State Band Concert that was held at Stillwater. They came out 2nd in the concert performance and 1 sight reading.

Richard Thomas won 1st place in the Cub Scout Derby.

Mike Berryhill and Robert Miller won 1st place in the Men's team at Tiffany Bowling tournament.

We are planning on having a display at the Local Bell Museum.

Davis Chapel, Broken Arrow Methodist and Cedar Creek Baptist Churches have all had their revivals.

We have two newcomers to our Community. They are Jordan Paul, weighing 15 lbs 14 1/2 oz. son of Sherry Taylor. And Samuel Nathan Yeahgers, weighing 8 lbs. and 15 1/2 oz. born to Robert and Deborah Yeahgero.

Our community has decided to give each of our graduating Creek Seniors a card and \$25.00. Those graduating are Jill Davis, Nicole Fields, Leddie Sarty, Herbert Sarty, B. James Sawyer, Nancy Chalakee and Ken Childers.

OKEMAH

By Christine Henneha

We held our monthly meeting at the home of Orlinda Smith, our next 6 month meeting will be held at the same place. Our chairperson is Elnora Herrod, Vice-chairperson is Christine Henneha.

In Okemah school sports we have Mike and Tommy Sands playing baseball, Lillian Harjo, Darlene Osborn, Marla Beaver and Chubby Beaver in track.

On Middle school honor roll, straight A's students is Brad Boatman 7th grade and Maggie Hicks 8th grade "B average".

Pat Boatman half Creek, of our area, has won a "Dreamer's Holiday" which will take her and her family to Panama City Beach, Florida. Lillian Harjo also won \$25.00 from the same contest.

Fishpond stomp dance ground had a Easter egg hunt on Easter.

Christine Henneha is the J.O.M. Chairperson for Okemah School. On May 4, 1982. There will be a parent meeting, hope the parents of Okemah school area will attend, for the benefit of your Indian child attending school.

Robin Herrod is still accepting donation for his band trip to Europe. Send all donations to Robin Herrod c/o Hardley Smith Rt. 2 Okemah, Ok. 74859. He is the Treasure of our community.

OKMULGEE

Our monthly meeting was held April 12, with chairperson Cora Derrisaw calling the meeting to order. The treasurer Gayle Bevenue gave her report, and old business was discussed, that being: the dinner being held during the American Indian Physicians Conference, and operating a information booth at the conference.

Candidates are still needed to represent Okmulgee Community in the Creek Nation Princess Pageant. The candidates are supported by the community.

The Elderly Easter Dinner and egg hunt was enjoyed by everyone. Prizes were given to the grandmother with the most grandchildren. Sarah Simmer had fifty-one grandchildren and ninety-one great grandchildren. Webster Chalakee found the first prize egg and Cora Derrisaw found the second prize egg. Phillip Coon found the most eggs.

The tribe is still waiting on HUD and the City of Okmulgee before the plans can continue on our Community Building. Chief Cox will be asking someone to represent the tribe at the next City Council meeting.

Mrs. Esther Gee has requested that the Community show their support for the Honor Students as there are many. Chief Cox will present a \$100.00 scholarship to one student. Mrs. Gee announced that her son had a scholarship from the Navajo Nation and they would be traveling to Arizona soon to receive this award.

The Community Olympics will be held May 22, at Harmon Stadium.

Dates to be remembered are: May 7, Mothers Day Dinner, Rev. George Miller will be the speaker for the service; May 18, this day has been set aside to honor Paul Tiger. He was instrumental in securing the Elderly Nutrition Program for Creek Nation; June 18 - Fathers Day Dinner, Rev. Jim Cahwee will be in charge of services. This will be in conjunction with the Festival and will be held at the Henryetta Civic Center.

Chiquita Juneau brought up a discussion about the Community sponsoring a sock hop or some other activity for the community youth on a monthly basis. This was tabled until the next meeting.

A suggestion for a fund raiser was having a Old fashion Box Supper.

A cake walk and bingo followed the meeting.

NATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Invocation was given by Lee Chupco. The meeting was called to order by Speaker, Kenneth L. Childers. Roll call was taken with eight members being present: Helen Chupco, Nelson Johnson, Kenneth L. Childers, Richard Larney, Clarence Cloud, Thomas McIntosh, Carney Robers and Andy Bible. A quorum was declared with eight members present and constituted that any and all business transacted would be considered valid and entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

READING OF MINUTES: Minutes had been mailed prior to this meeting for review. The Chair opened the floor for discussion on these minutes. Discussion was held on Page nine, at the end where a motion was made to place an item on the agenda but a roll call vote was not taken, however business continued. A motion was made by Nelson Johnson and seconded by Carney Roberts that an amendment be waived and to approve the minutes as read. Upon a unanimous vote of approval, the minutes were approved and will be recorded as such.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

I. OLD BUSINESS. An Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **NCA 82-07 An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Confirming an Appointment by Principal Chief to the Citizenship Board.** Section 101. The nomination by the Principal Chief of Jacob Ray McGilbray a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, to serve upon the Citizenship Board is hereby confirmed by the National Council, to complete the unexpired term of Virginia Thomas, as provided by Ordinance. **Decision:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by unanimous vote of approval NCA 82-07 was adopted as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as an Ordinance Confirming an Appointment by the Principal Chief to the Citizenship Board.

NCA 82-18: An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Requesting the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to Accept Tribal Lands to be Held in Trust by the United States. Section 101. This Ordinance is the final act of approval required prior to transfer of tribal lands held in fee simple to the United States to be held in trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 102:** The Principal Chief is authorized to transfer title to the following described lands from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation (in fee simple) to the United States in Trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

A. DEWAR COMMUNITY CENTER: Lots 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 of block 9, Town of Dewar, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, and Okmulgee District, Muscogee Nation, containing 0.4017 acres, more or less.

B. WELEETKA COMMUNITY CENTER: Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Block 73, Original Town of Weleetka, Okfuskee County, Oklahoma, and Okfuskee/Seminole District, Muscogee Nation, containing 0.321 acres, more or less.

C. WETUMKA COMMUNITY CENTER: The surface only of a tract of land beginning at the Southeast corner of the Northeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 21, Township 9 North, Range 10 East, thence North 160 feet along center line, thence West 470 feet, thence North 440.33324 feet, thence West 600.33324 feet, thence South 600.33324 feet, thence East 1070.33324 feet to the point of beginning, in Hughes County, Oklahoma, and Hughes/Seminole District, Muscogee Nation, containing 10 acres, more or less.

Section 103. The Muscogee Nation having paid in full for the above described lands said lands shall be transferred to the United States in Trust for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation in consideration of the benefits to be obtained from owning lands in trust. **Section 104.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation requests that the Bureau of Indian Affairs approve holding the lands in trust, under the title: UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN TRUST FOR THE MUSCOGEE (CREEK) NATION OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA. **Section 105.** The Principal Chief is authorized to submit to the Bureau of Indian Affairs such supplemental information and data on this subject as they may require. **Decision:** Upon a motion duly made, and seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval NCA 82-18 was adopted as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as an Ordinance Requesting the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to Accept Tribal Lands to be held in trust by the United States.

II. NEW BUSINESS:

NCA 82-20. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing the Condemnation of Tribal Lands for the Purpose of Flood Easements, and Waiving the Sovereign Immunity of the Muscogee Nation for the Purpose of this Ordinance. Section 101: The sovereign immunity of the Muscogee Nation from suit is hereby waived for the purpose of permitting suit by the Director, Division of Tribal Affairs, Muscogee Nation, against tribal lands for the purpose of condemning a flood easement against those lands. **Section 102:** In order to enable and empower the Director of the Division of Tribal Affairs to carry out the authority conferred in this Ordinance, in the most economical and efficient manner, he is authorized and empowered in the exercise of the powers of management of tribal lands to exercise the right of seeking a flood easement against any tribal lands of the Muscogee Nation which are subject to flood or inundation, whether by natural or man-made impoundment or cause. **Section 103:** The Director of the Division of Tribal Affairs is authorized to apply in any Court of the Muscogee Nation having jurisdiction, to condemn tribal lands which are subject to flooding or inundation, whether by natural or cause, and to request the approval of the Court to order the filing of the easement against said tribal lands to govern future use and management of said tribal lands. **Section 104:** Applications for flood easement shall contain the following information: A. A legal description of the tribal lands. B. A statement of the elevation (in feet above sea level) below which the easement is to be effective. C. A map or plan showing the relationship between the entire parcel of tribal lands and the lands to be placed under easement. D. A statement of the estate or interest in said lands to be placed under easement if any estate or interest other than the Muscogee Nation is involved. E. A statement of the sum of money estimated by the Director of the Division of Tribal Affairs to be just compensation for the easement against

any estate or interest other than the Muscogee Nation. **Section 105:** The Legal Counsel of the Muscogee Nation is authorized to respond to applications brought under Section 103 of this Ordinance, and to inform the Court of any compelling reason that the easement should not be allowed. **Section 106:** Legal Counsel, in proceedings under this Ordinance, is prohibited from raising the defense of the sovereign immunity of the Muscogee Nation, or from requesting damages against the Muscogee Nation for flood easement. **Section 107:** Proceedings under this Ordinance shall not effect title to tribal lands, whether held in trust by the United States or held in fee simple by the Nation. The effect of a flood easement shall be limited to purposes related to management, use, and prevention of alienation of tribal property. **Section 108:** Application for flood easement shall, upon approval by a Court of the Muscogee Nation, be filed with:

A. Office of the Director of Tribal Affairs.

B. The Okmulgee Agency, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.

C. Request that the tribal court review, not less than every sixth month, the relations between the Muscogee Nation and the interest or estate condemned on the subject of flood easement property management, until such time as the court, or the interest or estate condemned, is satisfied that such relations conform to the purpose and intent of this Ordinance.

D. Request such injunctive, prohibitory, equitable, or mandatory relief as is necessary to protect the interest or estate condemned.

Section 110: The Director of the Division of Tribal Affairs is authorized to issue rules and regulations for the management of all property subject to flood easement, including but not limited to the following:

A. Run-off retardation.

B. Water-flow retardation.

C. Soil-erosion prevention.

D. Protection of environment, migratory and predatory fowl, and endangered animal and plant species.

E. Erection of permanent and temporary facilities.

F. Erection of facilities on or in flooded or impoundment waters.

G. Flood easement area property management.

Section 111: Agreements and covenants as to the permanent use of all property subject to flood easement are authorized to be negotiated by the Principal Chief, the Director of Tribal Affairs, and Legal Counsel. Provided, that such agreements and covenants shall be of no force nor effect until their ratification by an Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation. **Decision:** Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval NCA 82-20 was adopted as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as an Ordinance "Authorizing the Condemnation of Tribal Lands for the Purpose of Flood Easements, and Waiving the Sovereign Immunity of the Muscogee Nation for purpose of this Ordinance."

NCA 82-21 appeared on the Agenda as an Ordinance confirming an Appointment by the Principal Chief to the Citizenship Board and;

NCA 82-22 also appeared on the agenda as an Ordinance confirming an Appointment by the Principal Chief to the Election, both of the above items were placed on the Legislative Calendar as item to be considered during this session, however the names of the nominees had not been furnished nor the resume, prior to this meeting. **Action:** At the request of the Principal Chief the Chair entertained a motion for postponement of NCA 82-21 and NCA 82-22. **Decision:** Motion carried, upon a motion duly made, seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval, NCA 82-21 and NCA 82-22 was postponed and will be recorded as such.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Ordinance NCA 82-23 appeared under this section for consideration by the National Council. **Action:** The Chair entertained a motion to approve placing NCA 82-23 on the agenda for consideration. **Decision:** Motion carried, upon a motion duly made, seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval, NCA 82-23 was placed on the agenda for consideration by the National Council. Ordinance was read and considered as follows:

NCA 82-23: An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Approving the 1984 Okmulgee Agency BIA Budget Plan. Section 101: The BIA Okmulgee Agency Budget Plan for FY 1984 has been reviewed for program priorities and incremental budget levels by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, has been revised or modified as necessary, and is therefore approved in the form attached to this Ordinance. **Decision:** Motion carried, upon a motion duly made and seconded, NCA 82-23 was approved by a unanimous vote of approval and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws entitled as an Ordinance Approving the 1984 Okmulgee Agency Budget Plan.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chief Claude A. Cox was present and was asked to contribute to the meeting. His reply was "everything looked like it was going just fine and he didn't have anything to add to the meeting at this time." Questions were asked about the Clarence Cloud lands and the leasing of it? It was decided that a letter would be written by the administration responding to the letter sent by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A discussion was held on the date for the Planning Session. It was decided that the Planning Session would be held at 6:30 P.M. on April 13, 1982 in the Council Chambers at the Creek Capitol Complex.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Thomas McIntosh and seconded by Clarence Cloud to adjourn the meeting for this day.

BENEDICTION:

Mrs. Virginia Watson Thomas gave the benediction

Proposals Submitted for Revenue Sharing Funds

During the 1982 Fiscal Year, Creek Nation has \$72,335 available in Revenue Sharing funds. A Public Hearing was conducted April 21 to accept proposals for the use of these funds. Regulations require the Creek Nation Executive Office to develop a proposed budget based on the submitted proposals and oral proposals made at the meeting.

The proposed budget will then be submitted to the National Council for consideration of the Council before actual funds are allocated. A total of eight proposals were submitted. They are itemized as follows:

\$39,325 - MONIES FOR AGRI-BUSINESS PROJECT

(Submitted by Bill Fife)

Priority 1. (a) Boveg Heat Detector, cost \$2,980. This electronic device has the capacity for detecting heat periods of cattle to be used in the breeding program. (b) Ovascan Base (with two probes). Cost \$1,695. This electronic device has the capacity for pregnancy testing of livestock, including cattle, sheep, swine or horses. This device can accurately test a cow within 14 days after the cow has been bred. Priority 2. The purchase of a 1-ton pickup truck (cab and chasis only), estimated cost \$10,000. This truck will be utilized within the total Agri-Business project, primarily for pulling trailers and moving livestock to market. Priority 3. To purchase materials to construct a room in the free-stall barn which can be used to store veterinary supplies and related health care equipment. This cost also includes a room air-conditioner for cooling. Estimated cost, \$1,000. Priority 4. The purchase of two Butler grain bins with a capacity of 7500 bushels each. These bins are necessary for additional grain and feed storage at the Agri-Business. Since March 1982 began mixing livestock feed for the Dairy and Swine projects. This additional responsibility of processing feed requires that large quantities of raw grain be maintained on hand at all times. Present storage capacities are inadequate. Cost, \$3,200 each, total \$6,400. Priority 5. Purchase of 500 gallon fuel tank with an electric pump. This tank will be used within the Agri-Business. Present fuel storage capacity is inadequate. Cost, \$750. Priority 6. Purchase of 30 head of beef cows at 550 each to increase the total number of beef cows which the Creek Nation Agri-Business owns. There is adequate pasture for maintaining this additional number of livestock. Cost, \$16,500.

\$7,000 - HIGH QUALITY VIDEO CAMERA

(Submitted by Gary Robinson)

Oklahoma Educational Television and Tulsa Cable TV have both expressed an interest in our television programs, but have stated the only draw back was the visual quality of the productions. The programs meet the professional and creative standards of the broadcast industry, but the video image does not quite meet the technical standards. The result: Improved relations with the television media, higher visibility with local citizens and public officials and recognition of the achievements of Creek Nation.

\$2,802 - CREEK NATION OLYMPIC FUNDS

(Submitted by Buddy York)

Because of lack of funding for Special Education for FY 83, we are requesting Revenue Sharing Funds to finance the Creek Nation Community and National Olympics.

\$46,000 - OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL

(Submitted by Kay Willie)

The Office of the National Council submits the following budget as stated: OFFICE EQUIPMENT: Word Processor, \$16,000; Typewriter, \$1,000; Copier Machine, \$27,000. TRAVEL EXPENSES: Per Diem to attend board meetings, \$2,000.

\$5,000 - CREEK FESTIVAL FY 83

(Submitted by Bill Fife)

Each year the Creek Nation Festival Committee is charged with the responsibility of coordinating the Annual Creek Festival. In the past, the funding for this celebration has come from special grants, fund raising, donations, and other available sources. There is no definite funding for this event. All labor and coordination efforts are provided through donated time. The committee members receive no compensation for the work they do. In many cases they receive no credit for doing a good job; however, they always receive criticism when anything goes bad. It is a hardship for the committee members to generate funds in their free time in order to insure that the Creek Festival will be held. The Creek Festival celebration is one that all Creek Indians can be proud of. Each year it gets bigger and better. It allows friends and relatives to gather in a central location and visit and enjoy the many activities which take place during this celebration. The Festival Committee requests funds to carry out the activities of the 1983 Creek Festival.

\$3,500 - D.T.A. REALTY ADMINISTRATION

(Submitted by Bill Fife)

The Creek Nation Realty Administration manages and operates the Creek Nation Fuel Depot. In order to purchase motor fuel at a lower cost, it is necessary that a fuel transport truck be purchased. With access to a transport truck, the Realty Administration will have the flexibility to deliver fuel to the Agri-Business Complex or to individual tribal members who may wish to purchase fuel from the Creek Nation Fuel Depot in large quantities. The Realty Administration proposes to purchase a 1,000 gallon fuel transport truck at a cost of \$3,500.

\$25,000 - EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(Submitted by Steve Wilson)

Past experience with the emergency assistance funding has always resulted in not enough funding to compensate the needs and emergencies that occur throughout the Creek Nation. The last funding provided for this program was \$5,000 for 54 applicants, an average of \$92 per applicant. 72% was for food for funerals. This funding lasted only four months. Since the depletion of those funds approximately 25 families could have been eligible for this type of assistance. Based on this type of need, funding is requested with the same criteria for eligibility be considered for the program.

\$7,950 - CREEK NATION RODEO ASSOCIATION

(Submitted by Bob Arrington)

The Creek Nation Rodeo Association is requesting funds for the 8th Creek Nation Annual All-Indian Rodeo, June 18 and 19, 1982. The funds are to be utilized to upgrade and increase participation and interest in the rodeo activities. We feel that by adding to the prize money and adding a trophy saddle would be more incentive to get more contestant participation. Also, this would be more compensation for the queen contestants to raise money for the rodeo and enhance participation in the queen contest.

In addition to the written proposals, there were several oral comments as to methods of spending FY 82 funds. 1. Contingency Funding, \$3,000. 2. Creek Nation to bid on livestock shown at fairs by Creek children, \$2,000. 3. Activity fund to send Creek people to national tournaments, such as softball and basketball, \$4,000. Mr. Ken Childers then proposed that we consolidate the above three ideas into a single contingency fund of \$10,000.

4. Purchase of 210 feet of concrete feed bunks, \$1,680. Total value of oral comments, \$11,680.

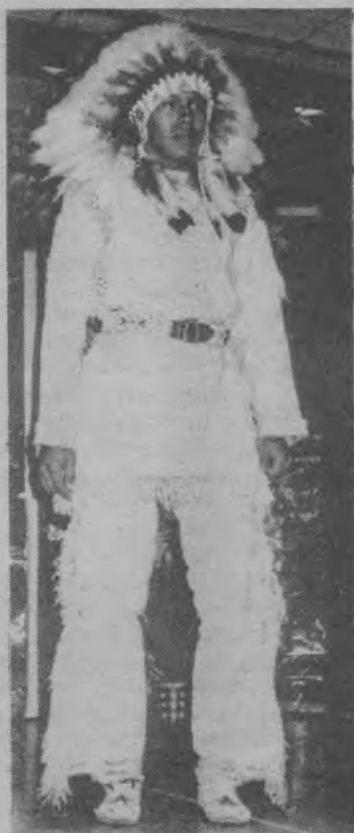
PUBLIC NOTICE BUDGET HEARING

The Muscogee (Creek) National Council will hold a public budget hearing on May 29, 1982 beginning at 10:00 A.M. in the auditorium of the Independent Agencies Building in Okmulgee. All Tribal members (especially Creek Senior Citizens) are invited to attend and provide the Council with written and oral comments and ask

questions concerning the Tribal governments entire proposed budget and the relationship of Revenue Sharing Funds to that budget. The entire proposed budget, a statement on the proposed uses of Revenue Sharing Funds and the proposed budget summarized below can be inspected by the public from 8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. in the Principal Chief's Office in the Tribal Complex located in Okmulgee.

PROPOSED FY '82 ANNUAL BUDGET

REVENUE SOURCE	GENERAL FUND	REVENUE SHARING	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	ENTERPRISE FUND	TOTAL
JUDGEMENTS	\$ 438,496	\$	\$	\$	\$ 438,496
FEDERAL GRANTS	1,304,021		4,743,879	2,342,740	8,390,640
REVENUE SHARING ENTITLEMENT		72,335			72,335
TOTAL	\$1,742,517	\$72,335	\$4,743,879	\$2,342,740	\$8,901,471
EXPENDITURES					
TRIBAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,742,517	\$14,000	\$ 420,640	\$	\$2,177,157
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		48,335	45,520	248,740	342,595
HEALTH			745,752	2,094,000	2,839,752
VOCATIONAL TRAINING			1,706,563		1,706,563
EDUCATION			1,024,861		1,024,861
PLANNING & RESEARCH			24,000		24,000
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT			651,600		651,600
WELFARE		10,000	124,943		134,943
TOTAL	\$1,742,517	\$72,335	\$4,743,879	\$2,342,740	\$8,901,471



DANNY CHECOTA
10th Grade Creek



JACKIE McNAC
10th Grade Creek-Cherokee



RANDY GEE
12th Grade Creek-Navajo



DEBBIE GEE
7th Grade Creek-Navajo



JOE DOMEBO
9th Grade Kiowa-Chickasaw

TITLE IV-J.O.M. AWARDS BANQUET

The Annual Title IV Awards Banquet was held April 23 at Okmulgee Middle School. Invocation was given by Greg Bacon, followed by a welcome by Billy Davis, Superintendent of Okmulgee Public Schools. Guest speaker was Sparlin Norwood, Director of Talking Leaves Job Corps.

Presentation of awards was made by Gayle Bevenue, Title IV Chairperson and Linda Bacon, J.O.M. Chairperson.

Receiving awards from Okmulgee Middle School were:
8th GRADE: Scott Allen, Elizabeth Dietert, Jacque Bevenue, Mark Ingley, Diana Eakers, Sharan Titsworth, Darryl Noble and Steve Titsworth.

7th GRADE: Dane Couch, Debbie Gee, Staci Jones, Kristi McIntosh, Greg Adolph, Suzanna Stone, Roy Gray, and Michael Jimboy.

6th GRADE: Connie Frits, Quannah Gee, Charity Todd, Kelly

RaeField, Roxanna Han, Patricia Payer, Tommy Whittaker, Brent Todd, Patricia Jones, and Chris Jackson.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

11th GRADE: Sandra Pigeon, Patricia Thomas and Cynthia Eakers.

STATE HONOR SOCIETY

12th GRADE: Bethany Burruss, Randy Gee, and Robert Hassleman.
10th GRADE: Niki Frits.

OUTSTANDING SENIOR AWARD

Tommy Grayson

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR SOCIETY

9th GRADE: Anthony Bird, Janet Wallace, Russell Torbett. 10th GRADE: Angela Murphy, Robert Stone. 11th GRADE: Jeffery Adolph, Nancy Jones, Edna Kelly, Leanne Mahan, Randy Thorman. 12 GRADE: Debra Boss, Cynthia Allen, Vicky Bird, Clint Mahan, Easter Fixaco, Janet Juneau.

OKMULGEE HIGH SENIORS

Lisa Beaver, Mark Berryhill, Bethany Burruss, Bobby Cusher, Easter Sunday Fixaco, Janet Juneau, Denise McIntosh, Randall Gee, Tommy Grayson, Jobe Benge, Debra Boss, David Chuckluck, Roberta Dean, Brenda Goodvoice, Clint Mahan, Chris Penn, Brenda Bacon.

Benediction was given by Sandra Pigeon.

TITLE IV-A PARENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Gayle Bevenue; Vice Chairperson, Linda Bacon; Secretary, Chiquita Juneau; Members: Jack Bevenue, Pat Kelly, Steve Wilson, Mary Shirley.

JOHNSON - O'MALLEY PARENT COMMITTEE

Chairperson, Linda Bacon, Members: Linda Cusher, Patsy Pigeon, Steve Wilson.

COUNSELORS:

Paul McCurtain, Okmulgee Middle School and Esterlene Gee, Okmulgee High School.



SANDRA PIGEON
11th Grade Creek-Cherokee

MASON SCHOOL DEVELOPS INDIAN STUDIES

Mason School has been awarded a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to begin an Indian Studies program this summer.

Mike Lambeth, teacher at Mason will serve as the project director.

The school has allowed Lambeth to develop an Indian Studies course over the past several years which he has integrated into the Oklahoma History course he teaches.

The grant will allow additional study so that the course will become a separate course of

study in the curriculum rather than a part of another course. Mason School feels very fortunate to be selected as one of only 20 grants of this nature awarded nationwide. Lambeth will be conducting interviews with Creek people and will collect an oral tape library. With these interviews and information collected, a book will be written that will reflect the knowledge and skills of the people of this area.

The motivating factor in Lambeth's application for the grant was the fact that there is so much

about the Creek culture that is unique. This project will allow this to be preserved, studied and explored. Young people today are unaware of their heritage, culture, language, etc. these things are being assimilated so rapidly into a white society, that they will be lost forever at some point in the future if an effort is not made immediately to preserve them. The gathering of information on tapes, putting it in print, and teaching a course on the subject will make the Indian student more knowledgeable of his past and will make the non-

Indian appreciate his fellow man and his cultural distinctions.

As program director, Lambeth solicits the help and cooperation of the people in the area. He will be calling on many of the Creek people to tell their stories and legends, describe their customs and to even detail their skills and crafts, cooking, etc.

"Anyone familiar with the Foxfire project with the mountain people of Georgia will have a good idea of the intention and design of this project with the Creek people," Lambeth said.



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CN Rodeo Features Prison Band And Trick Riding Acts

The 8th Annual Creek Nation Rodeo will feature the McAlester Prison Band at the June 18, Friday evening performance. This band is well known throughout the state for good rodeo music.

Another feature attraction will be members of the famous Adams Family Trick Riding Team. They will perform their thrilling horsemanship acts both nights of the rodeo.

The Rodeo Club is selling chances on a custom made Billy Cook roping saddle to be given away at the rodeo. Chances sell for \$1 each. The saddle's estimated value is \$1,000.

An All-Around trophy saddle will be awarded to the Indian cowboy winning the most money in two or more events. Individual buckles will be awarded to the top money winners in each event. These buckles have become a legend in Indian rodeo and a valued prize for the cowboys who win them because of their craftsmanship and their eye-catching dimensions.

The Creek Nation Rodeo always draws the top contending Indian cowboys from across the United States. The Mendell Rodeo Company will be supplying the stock. Books open June 17, 8 a.m. and close 8 p.m. For entry call 918-652-2317. Performances start nightly at 8 p.m. at the Sundown Arena located two miles west of Henryetta.

FESTIVAL SCHEDULE JUNE 18-19

8 p.m. - SUNDOWN ARENA, HENRYETTA
8th ANNUAL CREEK NATION RODEO

JUNE 19

NICHOLS PARK - HENRYETTA
8 a.m. throughout the day
SOFTBALL TOURNAMENTS
VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT
HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
YOUTH ACTIVITIES

CITY PARK-OKMULGEE
TENNIS TOURNAMENT
WESTERN HILLS GOLF COURSE
GOLF TOURNAMENT

10 a.m. PARADE - D.T. Henryetta
7 p.m. - HENRYETTA CIVIC CENTER

GOSPEL SINGING
JUNE 20

SAME TIME - SAME LOCATIONS
SOFTBALL-TENNIS-GOLF



KATIE ASBURY RECIEVES A PLAQUE OF RECOGNITION from Principal Chief Cox and Second Chief George Miller for her contribution of \$500 to the nutrition program. The program recently celebrated its first anniversary and is looking forward to many more years of service to the Creek elderly.

Nutrition Program Celebrates 1st Anniversary

The Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Program recently celebrated its first anniversary. The lunchroom is located in the old council room in the Solomon McCombs Executive Building at the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.

Hot lunches are served Monday

through Friday free of charge to the Creek elderly. There is a \$3 charge for anyone else.

The Nutrition Committee consists of : Margaret Freeman, chairperson, Mahale Chalakee, Stella Roberts, Cora Derrisaw, and Martha Chalakee.

The program is supervised by Steve Wilson. A "meal on wheels" type service is offered to the elderly shut-ins. Each day food is delivered to the handicapped to assure them of a well nutritionally balanced diet.

Attend Creek Festival '82, June 18-20

Creek Festival '82 promises to be the best yet! As the event draws nearer, more and more participation from Creek people can be seen.

Flyers for the different events have been posted across Creek Nation and mailed to potential contestants. Softball teams from across the state have entered the tournament which will start June 18, Friday evening at Nichols Park in Henryetta.

June 4 is the entry deadline for the All-Indian Co-ed Volleyball

Tournament. Trophies will be awarded in this event. For more information contact Minnie Wolf at 756-9571.

Entry for the Horseshoe Tournament can be made at the park prior to playing the day of the tournament.

The Festival Parade will take place at 10 a.m. in downtown Henryetta. Prizes will be awarded to Round-up Clubs, Floats, and the most traditional group in a decorated car or pickup.

Lodging accommodations can be

made either in Henryetta or Okmulgee. It is suggested that early reservations be made ... or contact relative living near the festival site.

All the convenience stores are stocking plenty of refreshments!!!! Be sure to visit the Creek Nation Tribal Grocery Store during the Festival for all your munchies. The store will be open Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. til 6 p.m. and is located in the Elderly Project across from the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee.



NANCY ANN CHALAKEE is one of the Creek students graduating from Coweta High School this year. She has been enrolled in art for four years and has won first and second in contests. Her hobbies include reading, music and collecting records. She is a member of the Cedar Creek Baptist Church in Coweta. Her mother is Mary Chalakee and her grandmother is Nannie Chalakee.

WELEETKA COMMUNITY NEWS

A banquet was held on May 3 at the Holiday Inn in Henryetta for the Weleetka Indian High School Seniors and Freshmen. Speakers were Chief Cox, Steve Wilson and Carey Roberts, Okfuskee Representative to the Creek National Council.

Seniors attending were: Randy Roberts, Lese Sanders, Tracy (Kaler) Kerr, Marty Birdcreek, Woody Tsoise, Adrain Birdcreek, Teresa Bible.

Freshmen attending were: Rhonda Gibson, Lise Pope, Jerrie Lynn Winny, Sandra West and James Randell.

Guests attending were: Mrs. Lillie Cox, Nell Scott, and Tom English of Okmulgee. Mrs. Lorena Roberts of Okemah and Harley Revis of Sapulpa.

Guests attending from Weleetka were: Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Birdcreek, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. Max Frye, Cindy Smith, Agnes Randall, Rainey Micco, Shirley Yargee, Gladys Atterbury, Betty Ben, Sonny Marshall, Ronda Miller, Sarah Winney, Myrtle Fraser, Ramona Tiger, Sarah Jean Micco, and Mary Hobia. Norma Jean Bible of Preston also attended.

The Mobile Clinic has not been in Weleetka for the past few weeks because of the remodeling of the Center. The Center is looking good. We will be having Open House when we get back in there. We have a fund raising event the first Saturday of each month and the business meeting is the last Thursday of each month. Weleetka Center officers for the '82 year are: Chairperson, Mary Hobia; Vice-Chairperson, Nettie Scott; Secretary, Dorothy Barnett; and Treasurer, Frances Miller.

Janet Juneau Awarded \$250

Chief Cox presented Janet Juneau, 18 year old Creek Okmulgee High School senior with two \$250 awards recently at the school's Awards Assembly.

The awards were from the Okmulgee Indian Community and the Creek Foundation. The OIC award was presented from a point system rating from three categories: 1. Community participation, 2. Academic achievement, and 3. School activity participation and awards.

Janet has been active in the OIC making flyers, baking cakes for community meetings, transporting people to meetings, helping with the senior citizens and working with the Community Olympics.

Her academic achievements include: Two years member of Honor Society, two years member of National Honor Society, member of the Alumni Association, four year member of Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American High School Students, and representative to the Indian Youth Leadership Conference in Washington D.C..

School activities and participation include: Basketball-three years, Band-four years, Vice-president Law Enforcement Club and Princess of the First Americans Club-two years.

Other activities include: President church youth group, Senate Page in Oklahoma City and community related sports activities and fund raising projects.

Janet is the daughter of Chiquita Juneau of Okmulgee. She plans to attend Northeastern Oklahoma State University in the fall.

CASTLE COMMUNITY NEWS

Marla Beaver, a Creek freshman and daughter of Earnestine Henneha and Darlene Osborn, Creek junior and daughter of J.D. and Jean Osborn were in school track that finished third in the State Track Meet.

Tony Osborn, brother to Darlene, recieved a plaque from Billy Womack for favorite D.J. He attended Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton. Mike Osborn, another brother recieved an "E" award in track, he also attends Eastern.

One of our Castle area Indians, Mary Coachman passed away on May 12 at her home near Cromwell. Her place of rest is Arbeka Church. She was the daughter of Nettie Coachman.

Matthew Henneha, 7 year old ran track and other events at Bowlegs School. He brought home some ribbons.

Fishpond Stompground had their Mother's Day dinner on May 9 at the ground.



JANET JUNEAU ACCEPTS \$250 SCHOLARSHIP Award from Chief Cox recently on behalf of Okmulgee Indian Community at OHS Awards Assembly.

8th Grade Creek Student Wins J.O.M. Essay Contest

Joann Williams, an eighth grade Creek student at Capitol Hill Middle School in Oklahoma City recently won the Johnson O'Malley Parent Committee essay writing contest.

The topic of the essay was "Why Attending School Is Important To Me". It deals with education and reflects the understanding of the importance of education by the Indian people, even at an early age as Joann's. This is a positive reflection of the teaching of the

parent and should be recognized on behalf of the parent and child.

As the winner of her school division, Joann recieved a \$25 Gift Certificate from C.R. Anthony and a special Certification of Recognition from the parent committee at their April monthly meeting. Joann was also the winner of the Grand Prize and recieved an additional \$25 for her entry.

Joann is the fourteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Austin.

WHY ATTENDING SCHOOL IS IMPORTANT TO ME!

By Joann Williams

Reason why attending school is important to me, is because I want my highschool diploma, and I'm the only one that can earn it by being in school.

I don't like to miss a day of school. I know in order to have a good job you have to be there everyday. On all job applications, they ask if you graduated from school, or how far did you go in school, and I want to be able to put graduated, and that I had a good attendance record, and I know attendance is very important on a job, just like at school, if you miss every other day, you won't learn like you should, and you get behind in your work.

I believe in going to school, if you don't go to school, you're nowhere. It's no fun sitting at home, roaming the streets, getting into trouble, anybody can do that, and anybody can finish school.

I go to Capitol Hill Middle School. I've been going there for the last three years and I have walked to and from school, no matter what the weather was like, I was there. I never made an excuse to stay home.

I wasn't lucky to live on a bus route, and I see kids miss alot of school and their bus comes right to their door. I have a certificate for perfect attendance in the 6th grade, certificates in band, a certificate in Social Studies, and those are my

pride and joy because I earned them. I play the saxophone in band and I have made straight A's, now that's an accomplishment to me, and I intend to play right on through highschool.

I hate to see this school year come to an end, I've made alot of friends, had alot of good teachers for the last three years and I hate to part with them.

I will be going to Capitol Hill High School and I will be two blocks from school and I will be glad. My sister graduated from there and I intend to graduate from there too. Going to school every day sets a good example for my little brother too. He is in the second grade and he has already earned two certificates for perfect attendance for this year and I am proud of him. I want him to finish school and I'm going to help him in anyway I can. Most of all I would like to say I am proud to be an American Indian with all the opportunities to get a good education, we have come a long way to be where we are today, so let's show others we can finish school and get good jobs too.

I would like to say my mother plays a very important part in my attending school every day, when she says you will go to school everyday, and you will finish school, there's no way of changing her mind. I know she's proud of me and I know the proudest day of our lives will be when I walk across the stage to get my diploma, so I plan to hang in there for another four years.

C.P.R. WORKSHOP



EVELYN PARKER, Supervisor of the Creek Nation CHR Program demonstrates the technique used on Infants for cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

A First Responder Workshop was held recently at the Creek Nation Complex. In addition to bruised knees and sore mouths, all students received their certificates in Basic Life Support.

The bruises came from spending many hours on the floor with Resusi-Annie, the manikin used to practice Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). After demonstrating their ability at one-man and two-man rescue and passing a written test on CPR, they continued to receive training in First Aid. Most of the class consisted of Creek Nation CHR's, learning to recognize warning signs of heart attack, stroke, shock, and other severe injuries. The students learned how to treat patients until proper emergency

medical services could be obtained.

The course was taught by Lee Roy Pease and Jack Kingfisher of the Eastern Oklahoma Health Planning Board. They were assisted by Harley Revis and Judy Tiger.

Creek Nation employees attending were: Alice Hess, Mary Hobia, Thompson Billy, Kathryn Fish, Lona Scott, Ruby Littlebear, Dorothy Holata, and Linda Rayon, all from Community Health Services. Marcy Scott from Security and Diane Compton also attended.

The course was 40 hours. Many of the students returned in the evening and put in extra hours to become CPR instructors themselves to teach others how to help save a life in an emergency.



COMMUNITY OLYMPICS

180 Creek youth competed in the sixth Annual Community Olympics held May 22 at Harmon Stadium in Okmulgee. Glenpool walked away with the 1st place team trophy with 117 points. Okmulgee was 112 points for second place and Dewar was 104 points for third place.

Those placing first or second in each event will represent Creek Nation as a team to compete for the National Olympic title on June 18. The Nationals will be held in conjunction with Creek Festival '82.

400 RELAYS

10-11 GIRLS: Glenpool - 108:19; Okmulgee - 122:32 **10-11 BOYS:** Henryetta - 104:74; Okfuskee - 105:67; Okmulgee - 109:89. **12-13 GIRLS:** Okfuskee - 103:51; Glenpool - 104:84. **12-13 BOYS:** Dewar - 14-15 Girls: Henryetta - 100:75; Yardeka - 103:23; Okmulgee. **14-15 Boys:** Glenpool - 53:87; Eufaula - 56:41. **16-18 Boys:** Dewar - 48:34; Okmulgee - 53:85.

400 MIXED RELAYS

10-11 Girls: Eufaula - 103:82; Okmulgee - 104:51; Yardeka - 106:46. **10-11 Boys:** Wetumka - 58:52; Duck Creek - 59:11; Glenpool - 59:22.

800 RELAY

16-18 Boys: Henryetta.

50 METER

10-11 Boys: Robert Lena - Wetumka - 7:48; Larry Smith - Dewar - 7:82; Michael Manley - Weleetka - 8:46. **10-11 Girls:** Karen Hampton - Eufaula - 7:83; Patresia Harry - Glenpool - 7:87; Jennifer Prince - Wetumka - 8:02.

100 METER

10-11 Boys: Robert Lena - Wetumka - 13:29; Michael Manley - Weleetka - 13:78; Kevin Wanego - Glenpool - 13:98. **10-11 Girls:** Patresia Harry - Glenpool - 13:77; Patricia Buckley - Weleetka - 13:85; Jennifer Prince - Wetumka - 13:88. **12-13 Girls:** Sonya Fox - Dewar - 12:72; Karen Bear - Duck Creek - 13:07; Rita Kelly - Okmulgee - 13:69. **12-13 Boys:** Stephen Hawkins - Dewar - 12:09; Richard Conner - Glenpool - 12:31; Lucien Tiger - Kellyville - 12:83. **14-15 Girls:** Marla Beaver - Castle - 12:32; Cheryl Whinery - Kellyville - 13:28; Norma Hampton - Eufaula - 13:29. **14-15 Boys:** Ron McIntosh - Dewar - 11:13; Sam Beaver - Castle - 11:18; Bruce Douglas - Okfuskee - 11:47. **16-18 Boys:** Brent Williams - Dewar - 10:00; Antonio Nye - Henryetta - 10:24; Arnold Gibson - Duck Creek - 10:35. **16-18 Girls:** Bobbie Gibson - Duck Creek - 13:41; Nina Lusty - Glenpool - 14:44.

200 METER

12-13 Girls: Karen Bear - Duck Creek - 30:95; Rita Kelly - Okmulgee - 33:17; Becky Allen - Okmulgee - 34:01. **12-13 Boys:** Amos Crowels - Wetumka - 26:77; Stephen Hawkins - Dewar - 28:01; Darin Smith - Dewar - 29:50. **14-15 Girls:** Cheryl Whinery - Kellyville - 30:32; Michelle Fields - Glenpool - 32:24; Shiela Conner - Glenpool - 32:36. **14-15 Boys:** Sam Beaver - Castle - 24:73; Bruce Douglas - Okfuskee - 26:08; Trey Wanego - Glenpool - 26:89. **16-18 Boys:** Arnold Gibson - Duck Creek - 23:61; Antonio Nye - Henryetta - 23:65; Dale King - Henryetta - 24:58. **16-18 Girls:** Bobbie Gibson - Duck

Creek - 31:51; Stephanie Taylor - Yardeka - 32:40; Edna Kelly - Okmulgee - 36:79.

400 METER

12-13 Boys: Travis McIntosh - 104:94; Tim Hicks - 106:83; Brett Tiger - 107:21. **12-13 Girls:** Jamie Lusty - 112:88; Sheila Hill - 114:62; Kelly Hobia - 115:00. **14-15 Boys:** Stephen Fox - 100:75; Thomas Taylor - 102:70; Charley Hicks - 104:27. **14-15 Girls:** Marla Beaver - 106:52; Melissa Dunn - 117:07; Sandy Lusty - 127:60. **16-18 Boys:** Dale King - 55:74; Daniel Bear - 107:06. **16-18 Girls:** Edna Kelly.

800 METER

12-13 Boys: Richard Conner - 228:90; Travis McIntosh - 232:88; Brett Tiger - 237:98. **12-13 Girls:** Kelly Hobia - 315:79; Hettie Hicks - 320:36; Paula Dunn - 325:11. **14-15 Boys:** Mark Francis. **14-15 Girls:** Melissa Dunn. **16-18 Boys:** David Dennison - 228:35; Rocky Baker - 230:40; Mickey Randall - 237:95. **16-18 Girls:** Janet Juneau.

1 MILE RUN

14-15 Boys: Mark Francis - 547:37; Paul Gomez - 609:42. **14-15 Girls:** Angela Cully. **16-18 Boys:** David Dennison - 524:35; Rocky Baker - 537:47.

SOFTBALL THROW

10-11 Boys: Lucas Taylor - 156' 10.5"; Charles Deer - 131' 11"; Kevin Soap - 122' 2". **10-11 Girls:** Tracie Tiger - 92' 5"; Wynona Manley - 89' 1"; Jeanetta Randall - 85' 2". **12-13 Boys:** Timmy Bible - 163' 11"; Jesse Brown - 159'; Amos Crowels - 154' 10". **12-13 Girls:** Rhonda Hale - 136' 5"; Carmen Tecumseh - 125' 5"; Toni Rabbit - 124' 2".

LONG JUMP

10-11 Boys: Marcus Hampton - 12' 7"; Gerald Phillips - 11' 9"; Norman Rogers - 11' 8". **10-11 Girls:** Katie Hampton - 12' 1.5"; Alethia Soweka - 10' 8"; Thomasine Bird - 10' 3". **12-13 Boys:** Lucien Tiger - 13' 6.5"; Roger Flud - 13' 2"; Jesse Brown - 13' 1". **12-13 Girls:** Rhonda Hale - 11' 7"; Delilah Ramirez - 11' 2.5"; Tonya Stacy - 10' 1". **14-15 Boys:** Maurice Yahola - 18' 1"; Ron McIntosh - 17' 9"; Thomas Taylor - 15' 4". **14-15 Girls:** Norma Hampton - 13' 1"; Sandy Lusty - 12' 3"; Stacy Bushyhead - 12' 1.5". **16-18 Boys:** Brent Williams - 19' 9"; Ricky Britt - 18' 3"; Clifton Randall - 17' 7". **16-18 Girls:** Stephanie Taylor - 11' 4".

SHOT PUTT

14-15 Boys: Stephan Fox - 33' 3"; Ryan Harjo - 29' 9"; Dennis Baker - 29' 4". **14-15 Girls:** Regina Randall - 27'; Tammy Albert - 22' 6"; Diana Barrett - 20' 6". **16-18 Boys:** Leland Micco - 31' 6"; Bobby Cusher - 30' 3"; Richard Hobia - 29' 7". **16-18 Girls:** Rhonda Juneau - 24'; Janet Juneau - 19' 4".

NATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Invocation was given by Helen Chupco, roll call was given with seven members present and one absent, Thomas McIntosh. A quorum was constituted with seven members present. It was decided that any and all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

READING OF THE MINUTES: A motion for approval of the March 27, 1982 minutes was made by Johnson. A second of the motion was made by Cloud. Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by unanimous vote of approval, the March 27, 1982 Regular Scheduled Meeting minutes were approved and will be recorded as such in the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS: Old Business-

NCA 82-21. An ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation confirming an appointment by the Principal Chief to the Citizenship Board. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The nomination by the Principal chief of Jack Rumsey a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, to serve upon the Citizenship Board is hereby confirmed by the National Council, to complete the unexpired term of Sonny O'Hern, as provided by ordinance. Roll call vote: Chupco-Yea, Bible-No, Cloud-No, Lamey-Yea, Johnson-Yea, Roberts-No, Childers-No. The motion did not carry by a majority vote. Voting resulted in a tie allowing the Speaker to vote. Upon a motion duly made and by a majority, NCA 82-21 was not approved.

New Business:

NCA 82-24. An ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation approving an oil and gas lease with Jordan Oil and Gas company dated February 26, 1982. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The oil and gas lease dated February 26, 1982, between the Muscogee Nation and Jordan Oil and Gas Company of Santa Rosa, California, is hereby approved for a cash bonus of \$12,080.00, and a royalty rate of 20% for the following described lands: An undivided 1/2 interest in the minerals of the Northeast quarter of section 15, township 10 North, range 10 East, all in Okfuskee County, Oklahoma, and in Okfuskee/Seminole District, Muscogee Nation, containing 160 acres, more or less. **MOTION:** A motion was made by Cloud to approve NCA 82-24 as read. Chupco seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Six in favor, no abstentions, none against. **ACTION:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval, NCA 82-24 was approved as read.

NCA 82-25. An ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation establishing the Tribal Taxation Task Force. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The "Tribal Taxation Force" is hereby established as an authority with attendant powers within the limitations of this ordinance, as a special agency of the Government of the Muscogee Nation. **Section 102.** The membership of the Tribal Taxation Force shall consist of the following person who shall hold office for a period of not longer than June 1, 1983. **A.** An appointment by the Principal Chief representing the executive branch of the tribal government. **B.** A member of the Supreme Court of the Muscogee Nation appointed by the Chief Justice. **C.** A representative of the National Council of the Muscogee Nation to be selected May 29, 1982 at the Regular Scheduled Meeting of the National Council. **Section 103.** The membership of the Tribal Taxation Task Force shall meet not less than once a month and serve without compensation until such time as funds may be appropriated by ordinance for such purposes. **Section 104.** The Tribal Taxation Task Force shall authorize the expenditure of such funds as may be appropriated by ordinance for the purposes authorized as may be necessary to accomplish the responsibilities created by this ordinance. **Section 105.** Not later than May 30, 1983, the Tribal Taxation Task Force shall prepare and deliver to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council the following materials: **A.** A proposed ordinance on the subject of: 1. Legislative findings of fact relating to the taxation power of the Muscogee Nation. 2. Taxes on non-renewable resources within the Muscogee Nation. 3. Taxes on economic activities within the Muscogee Nation. 4. Taxes on any other activity related to the jurisdiction and welfare of the tribe, except an income tax on tribal members. **B.** A proposed ordinance on the subjects of utilization of proceeds of tax revenues. **C.** A proposed ordinance on the subjects of enforcement of taxes through liens, attachment of assets, and other legal processes. **Section 106.** The Tribal Taxation Task Force shall establish a regular meeting date. All meetings of the Task Force shall be open to the public. **Section 107.** At any public hearing of the Tribal Taxation Task Force, the following categories of testimony shall be admitted. **A.** Testimony of enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Indians. **B.** Testimony of person who reside within the Muscogee Nation. **C.** Testimony by or on behalf of persons, partnerships, companies, corporations and other doing business within the Muscogee Nation. **D.** Testimony by Task Force members submitting expert analysis prepared at the direction of the Task Force. **E.** Any testimony ruled relevant or pertinent by the Task Force. **Section 108.** The Task Force shall have the authority to request the preparation of expert analysis by university faculty and other interested persons which is relevant or pertinent to the subjects of taxation, utilization of revenue, enforcement of taxes, the economic impact of taxes and expenditures, and or other applicable categories. **Section 109.** A quorum of the Task Force shall be two members; however, one member may preside at hearings or may adjourn a meeting until a quorum can be present. **MOTION:** A motion was made by Lamey to approve NCA 82-25 as read. Roberts seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Six in favor, no abstentions, none against. **ACTION:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval, NCA 82-25 was approved.

NCA 82-26. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Authorizing the Transfer of Banded BIA Law Enforcement Funds to the Line Item for Aid to Tribal Government for the Purpose of the Support of the Tribal Security Program (Lighthorse Administration, Division of Tribal Affairs). Ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Findings. The National

Council finds that: **A.** The United States Bureau of Indian Affairs has unlawfully denied funding to the Muscogee Nation for Law Enforcement, allegedly based upon the 1898 "Curtis Act". **B.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is Indian Country as any Indian Reservation, notwithstanding the issuance of any patent, and therefore eligible for Law Enforcement funds. **C.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation contains tracts of lands which individually are Indian country, as tribal lands held in trust under the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Act, Indian allotments the Indian title to which has not been extinguished, and dependent Indian Communities. **D.** The Muscogee Nation is entitled to BIA Law Enforcement funds. **E.** The Muscogee Nation will have sufficient flexibility, were the funds reprogrammed for Aid to Tribal Government, to achieve the objectives of the Law Enforcement Program. **Section 102.** In any contract year or during the consideration of any tribal proposal for a contract for Law Enforcement when the Bureau of Indian Affairs takes the position that the Muscogee Nation is not eligible for BIA Law Enforcement funds, **A.** The Principal Chief is authorized on behalf of the Nation to inform the Bureau of Indian Affairs in writing that funds programmed for Law Enforcement should be reprogrammed for Aid to Tribal Government. **B.** The Principal Chief shall retitle the proposed contracts as "Aid to Tribal Government" without alteration of the scope of services (unless the approval of the National Council is obtained), and resubmit the proposals to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. **MOTION:** A motion was made by Helen Chupco for the approval of NCA 82-26. **SECOND:** Richard Lamey seconded the motion for approval of NCA 82-26. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Six in favor, No abstentions, none against. **MOTION CARRIED:** Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval, NCA 82-26 was approved and will be recorded in the Creek Nation Code of Laws as being approved.

NCA 82-27. An ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing the preparation of Self-Determination contract proposals to contract the Okmulgee Agency and the Tribal portion of the Muscogee Area Office (or its legal successor to responsibilities) of the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: The Principal Chief is authorized and directed to develop Self-Determination Act contract proposals for review by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council for ultimate submission to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs for the purpose of contracting programs of the

Okmulgee Agency. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized and directed to develop Self-Determination contract proposals for review by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council for ultimate submission to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs for the purpose of contracting that portion of the programs of the Five Civilized Tribes Agency, or its legal successor to responsibilities, which benefit or serve the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief is authorized and directed to develop Self-Determination Act contract proposals for review by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council for ultimate submission to the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs for the purpose of contracting that portion of the programs of the Muscogee Area Office, or its legal successor to responsibilities which benefit or serve the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 104.** On matters of trust responsibilities proposed to be contracted under the Terms of this ordinance, the Muscogee (Creek) National Council shall carefully review all statements made in the contract proposals which relate to trust responsibilities. **Section 105.** The provisions of Tribal Ordinance NCA 81-40 as amended are applicable to all programs which may be contracted under the provisions of this ordinance. **MOTION:** A motion was made by Johnson for the approval of NCA 82-27. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Six in favor, no abstentions, none against. **ACTION:** Motion carried by unanimous vote of approval.

NCA 82-28: An ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation providing authorization and consent to the Chickasaw Nation of Indians in Oklahoma and that Nation's proposal to contract U.S. Indian Health Service Responsibilities for Solar Panel Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance at the Carl Albert Indian Health Center at Ada, Oklahoma. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The National Council Finds That: (A) The Chickasaw Nation of Indians Of Oklahoma has requested a supporting and consenting ordinance from the Muscogee Nation regarding its proposal to contract Solar Panel Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance at the IHS Hospital in Ada, Oklahoma (B) The Muscogee Nation supports the self-determination effort of tribes to contract programs within their treaty boundaries that serve their tribal area. **Section 102.** The Muscogee Nation hereby takes the official position that a "support and consent" ordinance is not required by the circumstances of this contract, yet will adopt such an ordinance as a courtesy to the Chickasaw Nation. **Section 103.** The Muscogee Nation supports and consents to the Chickasaw Nation of Indians in Oklahoma operation of Solar Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance programs at the Carl Albert Indian Health Center in Ada, Oklahoma, according to the following terms and conditions of this ordinance. (A) The Chickasaw Indians shall operate the program. (B) The program operated shall be Solar Panel Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance programs at the Carl Albert Indian Health Center in Ada, Oklahoma. (C) The U.S. Indian Health Service shall send information regarding this contract to the Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation on a quarterly basis. (D) The proposed term of contract is not to exceed one year; provided that extensions of any contract, or recontracting, are hereby approved by the Muscogee Nation for so long as the

Chickasaw Nation shall continue to operate the program. (E) The proposed date for contract commencement is any date following approval of this ordinance. (F) The following authorities are hereby delegated to the Chickasaw Nation of Indians. 1. The Chickasaw Nation may have access to any records required for operation of the contract which otherwise would have to be requested through

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Memorium

MARY H. COACHMAN

Services were held May 16 for Mary Coachman at the Arbeka Methodist Church with Reverend Jimmie Cahwee of Sapulpa officiating. She died May 12 at her home west of Okemah at the age of 18 years.

Mary was born May 24, 1963 at Lawton. She was a graduate of Butner High School and attended Northeastern State university at Tahlequah. She was at one time employed at the Creek Nation offices in Sapulpa.

She is survived by her mother, Nettie Coachman of the home; three sisters: Cindy Coachman, Wewoka; Opal Coachman, Okemah; and Pat Coachman, Shawnee. Two brothers, Don Simpson, Cushing and Frank Coachman, Wewoka.

Interment was in the Arbeka Cemetery under the direction of Webb Funeral Home in Okemah.

GRACE McKELLOP BOURELL

Funeral services for Mrs. Grace Bourell, 83, a former Cushing resident who had been residing in Tulsa were conducted April 16 in the Memorial Chapel of the Davis Funeral Home.

Entombment was in Floral Haven Mausoleum in Tulsa.

Mrs. Bourell died April 12 in Georgia Courts Nursing Home in Tulsa. She was born, July 11, 1898 in Sapulpa and was reared in that area.

Mrs. Bourell was the daughter of Hattie and Almarine McKellop who operated the Smith Hotel in Sapulpa. Her uncle, Albert McKellop was responsible for the codification of the constitution and laws of the Muscogee Nation up to and through the year 1892.

She married Roy Bourell on August 17, 1927 in Tulsa. Shortly after their marriage, the couple moved to Cushing and had lived there until retirement. They owned and operated the Cushing Monument Company.

Mrs. Bourell was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and of the Cushing Pioneer Club.

Surviving are one son, John Bourell of Tulsa; one daughter, Mrs. Norma Sutliff, Mounds; two grandchildren and other relatives.

Cohen's Federal Indian Law Handbook In New Edition

The most influential book written on the subject of Indian Law has just been published. "Felix S. Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law" (The Michie Company, Charlottesville, VA, 1982) is the most comprehensive treatment of this complex field.

Originally published in 1942 under the auspices of the Department of the Interior, the work brought conceptual clarity and organization to this specialized area. This new edition is the result of six years of writing and editorial work by a staff of Indian Law experts.

In recent years, questions have arisen in the field of Indian Law not anticipated in earlier treaties and cases. Particular attention has been paid in the new edition to developing issues such as land and water rights, tribal independence, government services to Indians, the equal protection principle, and the extent of tribal powers.

"Felix S. Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law" focuses on the legal relationship between tribes, the states and the federal government, among major legislative acts detailed in the updated Handbook are: the Indian Claims Commission Act 1946, the Indian Civil Rights Act of 1968, and the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978. More than 5000 treaties,

federal and state laws, and Department of Interior regulations dealing with Indians are covered, and all known authorities considered.

A philosophical treatise as well as a valuable reference, "Felix S. Cohen's Handbook of Federal Indian Law" continues to stand as the most authoritative work published on Indian Law.

Creek Enrollment

The Enrollment Board would like to announce that there is no deadline on enrolling. Persons needing applications and instructions for enrolling as citizens may request them by writing:

CITIZENSHIP BOARD
P.O. BOX 580
OKMULGEE, OK. 74447

or by calling:

CITIZENSHIP BOARD OFFICE
918/756-8700 at the Creek Nation Complex.

Only enrolled citizens are eligible to vote in tribal elections. Persons who are enrolled and have previously registered to vote do not have to re-register as voters. If you are enrolled and have not registered to vote contact the Election Board Office at the Tribal Complex.

FREE CONCERT!!

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'HEARTSONG'

The public is invited to attend a free concert held by contemporary Christian Music group 'Heartsong'.

This concert will be held Friday, June 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the Mound Auditorium at the Creek Nation Complex.

COUNCIL MINUTES CONTINUED . . .

the Muscogee Nation. 2. The Chicksaw Nation may, without further consent by the Muscogee Nation, recontract the programs, request to revise or amend the contract, request contract, retrocession appeal or request waivers of contracting regulations, so long as such procedures related solely to the operation of Solar Panel Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance programs of the Carl Albert Indian Health Center in Ada, Oklahoma. (G) The authorities of this ordinance shall expire upon repeal or revocation by the Muscogee Nation Tribal Government. **MOTION:** A motion was made by Roberts to approve NCA 82-28 as read. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Six in favor, none against, no abstentions. **ACTION:** Motion carried by unanimous vote of approval.

NCA 82-29. Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation authorizing submission of an application to the U.S. Administration on Aging for a Title VI Grant to the Muscogee Nation. Ordinance was read as follows: Section 101. The Muscogee Nation has reviewed the application to the U.S. Administration on Aging for a Title VI grant for nutrition services, legal information and referral services. **Section 102.** The Muscogee Nation hereby approves the above application and the funds if received shall be administered according to the provisions of the 1983 Contracts Ordinance upon its enactment.

NCA 82-30. Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council adopting the Judicial Code of 1982. Ordinance was not read, however, all judicial codes had been presented to the Council but had not been completed reviewed and was not ready for action by the Council. MOTION: A motion was made by Lareny to postpone NCA 82-30 indefinitely. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Six in favor, no abstentions, none against. **ACTION:** NCA 82-30 was postponed indefinitely upon a motion duly made and seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: One item was presented to the Council by the Principal Chief requesting that an easement for a natural gas flow pipeline be considered on today's agenda. A motion was made by Lareny to place the item on the agenda.

NCA 82-30. Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) nation approving an easement for a natural gas flow pipeline. Section 101. An easement of tribal lands described as the NW Quarter of section 4 and E half of the NE Quarter of Section 5, Township 8 N, Range 12 E, all in Hughes/Seminole District of the Muscogee Nation, to Four Chief's Energy Corporation of Tulsa, for the purpose of a natural gas flow pipeline easement, is hereby approved for a period of to include (but not to exceed) the producing life of the property, at a compensation rate to include a single payment of \$8 per linear rod length plus access to free gas from a tap of the line by the Muscogee Nation in the SE quarter of section 32, township 9 N, range 12 East, at the sole cost, risk and expense of the Muscogee Nation. **Section 102.** Should an appraisal by the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs discerning the value of the easement exceed the rate of compensation that the

BIA appraisal is binding and supercedes that negotiated terms approved above. **MOTION:** A motion for approval was made by Johnson. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Six in favor, none against, no abstentions. **ACTION:** Motion carried by unanimous vote of approval.

NCA 82-12. Ordinance confirming an appointment to the Citizenship Board had also been requested by the Principal Chief for placement on the agenda for this meeting. MOTION: A motion was made by Lareny to place NCA 82-21 on the agenda for action by the National Council. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Six in favor, none against, no abstentions. **ACTION:** Motion carried by unanimous vote of approval. **Ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101.** The nomination by the Principal Chief of Jack Rumsey, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, to serve upon the Citizenship Board is hereby confirmed by the National Council, to complete the unexpired term of Sonny O'Hern as provided by ordinance. **MOTION:** A motion was made by Lareny to approve NCA 82-21 as read. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Six in favor, none against, no abstentions. **ACTION:** Upon a motion duly made, seconded and approved by unanimous vote, NCA 82-21 was approved.

NCA 82-22. This ordinance was also presented to the Council a the request of the Principal Chief to be placed on the agenda. Motion carried. Ordinance was read. Section 101. The nomination by the Principal Chief of Stephen Sanger, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation to serve upon the Election Board is hereby confirmed by the National Council to complete the unexpired term of Mary Sue Peak, as provided by the ordinance. **MOTION:** Johnson made a motion to approved NCA 82-22 as read. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Six in favor, none against, no abstentions. **ACTION:** Motion carried by unanimous vote of approval.

QUARTERLY REPORTS: Chief made a brief introduction and turned this portion of the meeting over to the executive director of the Creek Nation Housing Authority, Ron Froman. Froman gave a brief report on the status of the Creek Nation Housing Program and brought the members up to date. The Speaker then turned the meeting over to the executive director, Gary Breshears. Breshears explained that all members was mailed a copy of the quarterly reports and advised them that all managers and directors were present to answer any and all questions the members might have. Other reports turned in but not given verbally were from the Citizenship Board and Election Board. The Hospital Board was not present, but advised the Speaker that it would make a report at a later date as the Chairman had to be out of town.

OTHER BUSINESS: none.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Council was advised Miss Indian American would visit the Complex, Tuesday, June 29. On Friday, May 7, a Mother's Day Dinner would be served at the Complex in the lunch room. Robert Trepp announced that Dr. Ruth Arrington had been nominated to the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission. **BENEDICTION. ADJOURNMENT.**

Indian Vets Offered Testing For "Agent Orange" Exposure Through Local Veterans Administration Hospitals

By Helen Bennett

Recently a bill was signed into law providing for the collection of information on Oklahoma veterans exposed to "Agent Orange". The herbicide, so named because it was sent to Vietnam in orange striped barrels to be used against guerilla forces, contains the chemical dioxin. Adverse effects of exposure to dioxin have been laboratory proven to cause cancer and birth defects.

The Vietnam Era Veterans (V.E.V.) Inter-Tribal Association in Oklahoma City is urging Indian veterans who were in Vietnam during the period between 1963 and 1971 to contact a VA hospital and request an Agent Orange test.

V.E.V. Readjustment Counselor, Harold Brase, said anyone suspecting physical ill effects from Agent Orange exposure should also contact the Veterans Administration (V.A.) and file for service-connected disability.

According to the Washington Post, between 1963 and 1971, some 10.6 million gallons of Agent Orange was sprayed from planes at treetop level to strip away the Vietnamese jungle cover concealing communist troop positions. The spraying called "Operation Ranch Hand" was conducted within one-third mile of American troop positions.

In a report by Agent Orange Victims International (A.O.V.I.), test indicated dioxin may be concentrated in fatty body tissue and released into the bloodstream after initial exposure. In 1978, Vietnamese epidemiologists indicated a four fold increase in liver cancer in Vietnam for the past ten year period.

Concerns about the health effects of dioxin and the herbi-

cides containing them, and especially concerns about Agent Orange, obligate the Federal government to do everything possible to establish the scientific facts about the effects of this chemical on humans.

To speed up answers on Agent Orange, an interagency work group has been set up by the White House. In the meantime, if anyone suspects they are suffering from exposure to Agent Orange they should seek medical attention.

Listed below are symptoms and effects of dioxin: skin eruptions on the face, neck and back, loss of

sensation in the extremities, nerve damage, fatigue, nervousness, irritability, intolerance to cold, tender liver, insomnia, loss of libido and vertigo, and shortness of breath.

Other symptoms are: headaches, upper respiratory distress, stomach and kidney pain, vascular lesions, gastric ulcers, acute psychosis (reported suicides), severe depression, and memory and concentration disturbances.

Birth deformities (including monsters) caused from exposure to dioxin include: cleft palates, open eye, kidney abnormalities,

enlarged liver, enlarged head, club foot, and intestinal hemorrhage.

Cancer and tumor causing effects of dioxin are: liver cell cancer, kidney cancer, cell carcinoma (tumor) of the lung, and carcinoma of the ear duct.

According to Bill Weaver at Muskogee V.A. Hospital, an extensive examination and evaluation will be given to suspecting veterans. Testing for veterans in this area can be scheduled by calling Muskogee V.A. Hospital at 918/683-3261 or Oklahoma City V.A. Hospital at 405/272-9876.

OKLAHOMA V.E.V. INTER-TRIBAL ASSOCIATION

The Vietnam Era Veterans Inter-Tribal Association was organized February 22, 1981 at the Wichita-Caddo-Delaware Building in Indian Country, north of Anadarko, Oklahoma.

A Veterans Dance honoring Vietnam veterans was held. Due to the tremendous support generated, the idea emerged to organize a Warrior Society for Vietnam veterans.

Membership in the V.E.V. Inter-Tribal Association is open to any recognized tribal male who served in Vietnam. Type of discharge is of no concern.

Purposes of the Association are: 1. To promote the Vietnam veteran in a positive image, 2. To gain the respect and honor due these veterans, 3. To remember those brothers who paid the supreme sacrifice in the war and since it has ended, 4. To provide a way for these veterans to express the pride they have in their warrior status, 5. To help each other with problems such as post traumatic stress syndrome, Agent Orange, drugs, or alcohol, etc. and 6. To give Indian vets a voice in veterans affairs.

Activities of the Association include plans for an Indian Vets Conference, an Annual Vietnam Veterans Pow Wow, a Gourd Clan, an Honor/Color Guard, a monthly newsletter and sponsoring youth activities.

The V.E.V. Inter-Tribal Association also has an Auxillary for female veterans and wives, daughters, grandmothers, aunts, nieces, sisters, etc., who wish to support the Association's activities and their individual veteran who belongs to the organization.

If you would like more information on the Vietnam Era Veterans Inter-Tribal Association contact: Harold Barse, Vet Center, 411 North Lincoln Blvd., Suite 10, Oklahoma City, OK 73105 or phone 405/521-9308.

The following members list their tribal affiliation as Creek: Guy Coachman, Steve Foster, Henry Hicks, Eldon Knight, Legus Mitchell, Jack Procto, member of Board of Directors and Andrew Wesley.

The V.E.V. inter-Tribal Association numbers 165 members representing 39 tribes and 15 locations in 16 states.

Creek Nation Discount Store

All items listed below (except for the sugar) will be on sale June 2 -12 only. The Creek Nation Tribal Store will be closed May 29th.

C-H Cane Sugar	5 lb.	1.34	Charmin Bath Tissue Pink/Green	4 pak.	1.14
C-H Cane Sugar	10 lb.	2.66	Sofke corn	1 lb.	.30
Shurline Pop	Case	4.00	Carey Ice Cream Salt	5 lb.	.37
Spam	12 oz.	1.37	Folgers Coffee - All grinds	1 lb.	2.32
Spam Smoked Flavored Meat	12 oz.	1.37	Folgers Coffee - All grinds	2 lb.	4.52
Spam with/cheese	12 oz.	1.37	Folgers Coffee all-grinds	3 lb.	6.74
Vlasic Hamburger sliced dills	32 oz.	.83	Folgers Flaked Coffee	39 oz.	1.96
Northern Bath Tissue	4 pak.	.99	Maxwell House all-grinds	1 lb.	2.27
Scott Decorated Towels	1 roll	.72	Maxwell House all-grinds	2 lb.	4.38
Miracle Whip Salad Dressing	32 oz.	1.34	Master Blend Coffee all grinds	13 oz.	2.09
Clorox Liquid Bleach	1 gal.	.93	Hills Bros. Coffee all grinds	1 lb.	2.24
Bold Detergent	49 oz.	2.31	Hills Bros. all grinds	2 lb.	4.49
Tide Detergent	20 oz.	.73	Hills Bros. High Yield	13 oz.	2.09
Pampers Daytime	per box	3.23	Hills Bros. High Yield	26 oz.	4.16
Pampers Newborn	per box	2.65	Hills Bros. High Yield	39 oz.	6.20

Located at Loop 56 & Sam Checotah Dr. in the Creek Nation Elderly Project

Head Start Graduation

EUFULA HEAD START COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Eufaula Head Start Center held graduation exercises May 14. Janet Lee is director of the both the Eufaula and Yeager Centers. Raylene Stafford is supervisor of Eufaula Head Start. The five year old class teacher at Eufaula is Paulette Thompson. Her aides are Lorene Burris and Luella Jones.

Invocation was given by Rev. Ronnie Drake of the Eufaula Free Will Baptist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was by the graduating class. Buddy York, director of the Creek Nation Division of Human Services was guest speaker.

Diplomas were presented by Buddy York and Paulette Thompson to the following pupils: Jacob Daniel Ahtone, Edward Ray Berry, Stephanie Ann Bird, Anthony Jason Burris, Randy Tyson Cowan, Rachel Diane Dawn Dominic, Robin Leanne Drake, Jason Dewayne Estep, John William Fowler, Jr., Brian Stacy Francis, Shawna LaRae Griffin, Amy Delah Hawkins, Christopher Michael Hays, Susan Elaine Kauley, Crystal Lea Ann Lanham, Stephanie Kay Leeper, Brandy Sue Markham, David Michael McGilbray, Amanda Dellene Miller, Todd Howitt Morgan, Tracy Lynn Moss, Jason Eric Newton, Jimmy Dale Overman, Ebony Roshanda Collins Pendergraph, Johnny Gene Postoak, Johnny Edward Smith, Jeremy Peter Straley, Joseph Gary Townsend, Johnathon Arlis Underwood, Phillip Jerome Warrior, and Lindsey Rena Williams.

YEAGER HEAD START COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Yeager Head Start held graduating exercises May 11. Jane McKane is the supervisor for the Yeager Center. Geneva Larney is the five year old class teacher and Patricia Lincoln is her aide.

Nelson Johnson, Creek National Council Representative was the special guest speaker. The program was by the graduating class.

Graduating from Yeager Head Start was: Summer Barnes, Douglas Broomhall, Chad Byerly, Christopher Chastain, Erik Davis, Willie Dority, Lisa Dull, David Factor, Cherie Faulkner, Jonathan Fish, Erin Green, Christopher Harjo, Curtis Harjo, Jacie Harjo, Tammi Harjo, Terri Harjo, Terri Jarjo, Ron Della Hicks, Michael James, Aaron, Johnson, Anthony Johnson, Karolyn Lacy, Cassity Logan, Jeremy McPerryman, Criss Moore, Levi Olden, Mitchell Samilton, and Brandon Sanford.



YEAGER STUDENTS SING OUT FOR GRADUATION PROGRAM



EUFULA HEAD START GRADUATING CLASS



YEAGER HEAD START GRADUATING CLASS

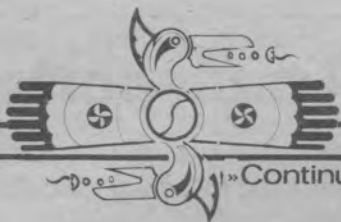


MONDAY NIGHT LIVE! BINGO

WIN CASH! Play Bingo every Monday night, 7 p.m. at the Creek Tribal Complex in Okmulgee. Pull Tabs and refreshments available! Proceeds go to Creek Festival Fund. For more information contact the Principal Chief's office, 756-8700.

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Indian Physicians To Hold Conference At Creek Nation

Potential health hazards posed by development of natural and mineral resources on Indian lands will be examined by the Association of American Indian Physicians at their 11th Annual Conference to be hosted by Creek Nation July 21-24.

Dr. Everett Rhoads, the first Indian to be appointed to the position of Director of Indian Health Service, will present the meeting's keynote address and also the banquet address.

LaDonna Harris, President of American's for Indian Opportunity, will relate findings from AIO's recently completed study, "Messing With Mother Earth Could Be Hazardous To Your Health," a project assessing the environmental health impacts of development of Indian communities and the roles of government agencies charged with the responsibilities for various aspects of environmental protection and individual safety.

The Office of Continuing Medical Education of the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine designates this annual conference as meeting the criteria for all 11 credit hours in Category I of the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

Various activities are planned for the physicians and their families by Creek communities such as a showing of the Fife Collection, a stomp dance, a tour of the Creek Museum, and an outing at Okmulgee Lake.

Anyone interested in attending any of the sessions should contact Helen Bennett at 756-8700 ex 302 for admittance passes.



1982-82 CREEK PRINCESS, ALICE ANN KING (center), with former princesses (l to r) Cathy Brown, Dennise Timothy, Rita Beaver, and Ginger Lee now Richards. Alice is currently pursuing a career in contemporary religious music.

Creek TV Productions to be Seen On Cable During July

The medium is television; its impact enormous. It informs, sells and entertains in millions of households across the country. Now the Creek Nation is using this medium to tell its story -- the story of the Muscogee People.

According to Gary Robinson, video communication specialist for Creek Nation, video programs about the Creek people are finding their way to an ever widening audience. "Two recent Creek productions were recently entered in the First Annual Oklahoma International Film Festival competition," said Robinson. "Though they didn't win the top awards, the programs were finalists in the competition and were well received by the large audience of film and television professionals," he said.

One of the programs Robinson

entered in the festival is a documentary about the annual Creek Green Corn Festival, the traditional summer ceremonial of thanksgiving and renewal. The other videotape, called "A Story of Survival: The Muscogee (Creek) Nation", is an informational program that examines the history of the Nation and explains current tribal programs and goals.

"I'm excited about the next step for these programs", continued Robinson. "Tulsa Cable TV is going to show several Creek videotapes on their movie channel during the month of July. Literally thousands of people will see them and learn more about their Indian neighbors."

Next on the production slate is an educational tape on the "Art of

the Muscogee People." This is a joint project between the Creek Nation and Okmulgee's Creek Council House Museum. A grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Committee will pay for half of the production costs. The remainder of the funds will come from in-kind contributions. Total cost of the project is \$10,800. When completed this program will be available for showing on cable TV systems, in schools and universities, and through the state libraries.

"I think it's important to get the story of the Creek people out to the general public," Robinson said. "knowing about someone - their history, culture, and point of view - helps you to understand them. It breaks down barriers between people, and that's important."

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Miss Indian Oklahoma ...

The 1982 Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant was held recently at Norman. Sharon Ruth James, Choctaw, was selected from a field of 11 other contestants.

The pageant is sponsored annually by the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women. Judges for the pageant were: Susan Arkeketa Harjo, Charles Burke Boynton, and Clyda Nahwoohsky. Master of Ceremonies was Tonekei.

Requirements of Miss Indian Oklahoma is to strive to make known the role of the Indians of Oklahoma as a contributing citizen in making Oklahoma the progressive state that it is. She has the responsibility of representing the Indians of Oklahoma in the highest possible manner. Miss Indian Oklahoma must possess deep pride in her Indian heritage so that she can serve as a representative of good will to all the people of the state as well as the entire country.

Miss Indian Oklahoma is judged on appearance, poise, personality, scholastic achievement, authenticity of her Indian dress, comprehensive knowledge of her tribe, as well as other tribes, and her dedication to the advancement of the Indian people. Former Miss Indian Oklahomans are: Deanna Harragarra, 1973; Carrie Wilson, 1974; Susan Arkeketa, 1975; Moline Davis, 1976; Billy Jones, 1977; Tammy Boyde, 1978; Freda Jo Tapedo, 1979; Melinda Waters, 1980; and Nancy Tsoodle, 1981.

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1. The Community Health Service staff can provide transportation services to clients to receive health and medical services at health care facilities. These services are provided only for travel between the clients place of residence and the health care facility. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
2. Requests for transportation services must be received twenty-four (24) hours in advance, otherwise, service will be provided only if personnel are available. Requests for transportation services received from clients residing outside Creek Nation service area shall be promptly referred to the appropriate Tribal CHR Program for that area. Clients having appointments at similar times and places will be transported together to minimize travel.
3. Requests for emergency services required during non-working hours should be made to the assigned emergency transporter. Due to the nature of emergency situations, the CHR should be called only when no other means of transportation is available. Also, the CHR may ask the individual or family to request ambulance services when assessing the clients situation, the CHR determines it to be in the clients best interest. Emergencies shall include only those situations in which the individual's life or limb is in danger and immediate medical attention is required.
4. Clients are requested to contact the CHR office as soon as possible to cancel or reschedule appointments for transportation services. Clients who break appointments will jeopardize their privilege or receiving transportation services in the future.

To request services, you may call the Creek Nation CHR office at (918) 756-8700. Any questions or comments concerning these procedures or the CHR Service should be directed to Evelyn Parker, Supervisor or contact Linda Rayon, dispatcher.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ANNUAL BUDGET OPEN FOR INSPECTION

The Creek Nation's Revenue Sharing Budget for fiscal year 1982 has been enacted by the Tribal government. A summary of this enacted budget showing the intended uses of Revenue Sharing Funds and supporting the documentation are available for public inspection in the Office of the Treasury, Director of Finance's Office located in the Tribal Complex in Okmulgee from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Head Start Enrollment ...

Creek Nation Head Start Centers at Eufaula and Yeager, Oklahoma will be accepting applications from low-income and handicapped children throughout the summer. Parents need to furnish proof on income, their child's birth certificate, immunization record and CDIB card.

If you have any questions or would like more information, you may call the Eufaula center at 689-5613 or 689-5253 or the Yeager center at 405-379-6693. Raylene Stafford is Supervisor for the Eufaula Center and Jane McKane is the Supervisor for the Yeager Center.

McCombs Family Reunion

Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Cummings of Muskogee will host the McCombs family reunion, July 10, at Hanna. The reunion will be at the residence of Mildred Cummings, Rt. 1 Hanna, beginning at 3:30 P.M. ALL RELATIVES INVITED!

Miss Cherokee Pageant ...

Entries are being accepted for the annual Miss Cherokee pageant in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, September 3, in conjunction with the 30th Annual Cherokee National Holiday. All interested applicants must contact the Cherokee Nation employment and Training department. 918-456-0671, extension 323 or 327.

DIET OR FRY IT!

Reprint from THE CIRCLE, Oct. 1980
BY SANDRA KING

I've given up fry bread, you know
There's calories in that there dough.
My bluejeans are tightening.
It's really quite frightening.
and breathing is difficult too ...

I've given up fry bread of late
In an effort to really lose weight.
I'm not actually a glutton
but I'm popping my buttons.
And when I travel I have to go freight.

So I've given up fry bread my dear.
Don't offer me any! You hear?
I'll just have to refuse you.
And verbally abuse you.
So stick your fry bread in your ear.

Cause I've given up fry bread for real
It's frafrance has lost all appeal.
I've tossed out the butter
right out in the gutter!
I eat carrots now (yuk) with each meal.

My Mother made fry bread today.
She sent some to me. And ...
It looks very tasty.
Perhaps I've been hasty.
Just one piece can't hurt me. No way.
So it's worth it's small weight in pure gold.
Quick! Run get the butter!
It's out in the gutter.
We can't let this good fry bread get cold.

Eddie Screechowl Named Leadership Award Winner

The United States Achievement Academy announced today that Eddie Screechowl has been named a 1982 United States National Award winner in leadership.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain. In fact, the Academy recognizes less than 5% of all American High School students.

Eddie, who attends Sapulpa Junior High School, was nominated for this National award by Melba Heitman, counselor at the school. Eddie will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, published nationally. The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors or other school sponsors and upon the standards for selection set forth by the Academy. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, dependability, and recommendation from a teacher or director.

Eddie also won grand prize and first in his water color entry and first in his ceramic entry at the Northeastern State University Kaliedoscope '82 art exhibit and also placed first in water color and third in ceramic art at the Oklahoma State University art show.

Eddie, an honor student, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Screechowl, Sapulpa.



EDDIE SCREECHOWL



CARLA JEAN JONES

Carla Jones Participates In Indian Physician's Program

Ms. Carla Jean Jones (Creek), daughter of Walter and Dorothy Jones, 838 N. Moccasin St., Sapulpa, Ok. was a participant in the Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) all expense paid Summer Live-In Program. She spent ten days with an American Indian Physician and his family, Dr. and Mrs. George E. Skye, in Harlingen, Texas.

Ms. Jones is a junior at Oklahoma State University majoring in Biochemistry. Carla is in pre-med and plans to enter medical school upon graduation from Oklahoma State University.

Dr. Skye, a radiologist, arranged for Carla to observe surgeons', pathologists', and radiologists' daily routines. She had the opportunity to view arteriograms and fluoroscopy performed by Dr. Skye. Carla observed surgery on two patients as a gall bladder and spleen were successfully removed. The equipment used in pathology was also explained.

The summer Live-In Program is designed for Native American students in pre-med to get an on-site observation of a physician's daily routine. The program has proven successful in past years in Native American students continuing their education in a medical career.

Dr. Ruth Arrington Selected to Serve On OIAC Board

By Helen Bennett

Recently a nomination by Principal Chief Cox to appoint Dr. Ruth Arrington, Creek, to the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission (OIAC) was approved by Governor Nigh and confirmed by the Senate. Dr. Arrington will serve on the nine-member governing board until 1983.



DR. RUTH ARRINGTON

The OIAC is a supportive agency for Indian affairs on the state level. Created by State Law in 1967, OIAC acts as liaison between Indian people and various federal and state agencies, as well as the Executive and Legislative branches of Oklahoma government. Through the years, the Commission has worked with Oklahoma tribes to comply with its legislative mandate.

Chief Cox feels Dr. Arrington's qualifications are excellent for the position. Her "professional Indian career" is endless. No project is too small or too gigantic for her to become involved with.

Indian affairs are Dr. Arrington's business. Currently she is coordinator of the annual American Indian Symposium and Indian Heritage at N.S.U. and a member of the advisory board for OHOYO, a nation-wide organization for the development of programs for Indian women.

Dr. Arrington has served as chairman for Cultural Retention Workshops sponsored by the Commission and as consultant and script writer for Oklahoma Image, a state-wide national endowment for the humanities. She has also worked with various programs for gifted Indian students.

In 1972, she received the "Outstanding Indian Woman" award from the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women. She has produced and directed a film, "The American Indian and His Government". Among the long list of credits, she has participated in everything from MC for Indian events to judging Indian princess pageants.

Dr. Arrington is a Professor of Speech and Coordinator of Indian Studies at N.S.U., Tahlequah. She is a graduate of Oklahoma College for Women, received her B.A. from the University of Michigan and her Ph.D. from Louisiana State University.

"I consider my membership of the Commission an honor," Dr. Arrington said. "The opportunity to work with the Commission's director, Bob Gann, and his staff, has shown me their interest in and knowledge of the Indian world. I look forward to continuing this experience," she stated.

Carmelita Screechowl Receives Presidential Fitness Award



Carmelita Screechowl has received the Presidential Physical Fitness Award for the fifth consecutive year.

Carmelita was presented the award for outstanding

and exceptional physical achievement at an awards assembly at Sapulpa Lone Star school where she recently completed the eighth grade. She also received letters in track and basketball.

Carmelita, a starting forward on the junior high girls' basketball team, is the 14 year old daughter of Ed and Christine Screechowl, Sapulpa.

Mark Carney Receives Degree From Dartmouth Medical School

Mark Dixon Carney, Creek, of Anadarko was one of 69 men and women to receive doctor of medicine degrees recently from the Dartmouth Medical School. Mark is the great grandson of Amy Conner Carney, Dustin, and the grandson of Wallace Carney Jr., who at one time was pitcher for the Chicago White Sox.

Dr. Carney earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1978. His undergraduate work was in pharmacy. While in high school he was an exchange student and studied his junior year in Germany. He will now undergo graduate medical training in pediatrics at the University of Texas Children's Hospital in Dallas, Tx.



BILLIE WINTER

Billie Winter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Winter, Bartlesville, and granddaughter of Bessie Broadax Blittle of Checotah was recently chosen finalist in the Presidential Scholars Program, which annually identifies the most distinguished and accomplished graduating seniors in the nation.

Jason Jones Graduated On The A Honor Roll



Jason Jones, Creek, recently graduated from Kinley High School in Coffeyville, KS, on the A Honor Roll. His school activities include

Marching band, concert band, pep band, stage band and National Honor Society.

His future plans are to attend Pittsburg State University, majoring in secondary music education and then teaching in Oklahoma.

Jason is the son of Jesse and Sharon Jones, Coffeyville, and the grandson of the late Grace Hartridge and Lollie Cahwee.

Chebon Tiger Selected For Gifted Program

Chebon Michael Tiger, 7 year old first grade student at Central Elementary School, Moore, has been selected to participate in an individualized accelerated learning



program for gifted students. Eligibility for the program is based on composite scores in the top three per cent of nationally standardized tests.

Chebon is full blood Creek and Seminole and the son of Marcia Chibitty. He is the grandson of Lela Tiger, Okmulgee and Marshall and Ruby Harjo, Oklahoma City.

Robin Herrod To Tour Europe With Concert Band

Robin Herrod, 17 year old Creek has been notified that he has been selected for membership in the American Ambassadors Band. This highly select concert



band, composed of outstanding high school and university students from all over the United States and Canada, will tour several European countries for three weeks in July and August.

Robin is the son of Bob and Carlene Herrod. He is a member of the Okemah High school band directed by David Robison.

The tour group will visit and perform in Paris, Lucerne, Lugano, Milan, Venice, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Berchtesgaden, Wiesbaden, Amsterdam, Windsor and London. Highlights of the tour will include concerts in the concert halls and parks of Europe. Students will visit many sites of musical and historical importance as well as the popular tourist attractions.

The purpose of the tour is to foster cultural and personal relationships between students of the U.S. and the people of Europe.

Charla Wilkinson Receives Awards



Charla Wilkinson Creek daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wilkinson of Lawton received the following awards and honors at the end of the 1982 school year. Charla

received a Certificate of Awards for her participation in the Legacy Fair Creative Writing Contest; a National Honor Society Pin and Certificate; a certificate from the State Honor Society; a plaque from JOM and Title IV in recognition of maintaining a 4.0 average for the school year.

Charla was selected as the 8th grade Secretary for 1982-83; was chosen as the favorite classmate for the 7th grade; had a leading role in a student written, student directed play; will serve on the yearbook staff for 82-83; and had been selected to participate in a computer course in 82-83 school year. Charla will attend Northwestern State University, Weatherford in July to attend a photography workshop to prepare her for her yearbook duties.

Charla is 13 years of age and attends MacArthur Jr. High School in Lawton. She is the granddaughter of the late Martha Gibson Anderson.

Ronnie Barnett Receives Medical School Award

Ronnie Barnett, Creek, son of Mrs. Dorothy Coleman Barnett, Weleetka and grandson of Mrs. Arline Ditzler was one of 36 students recently to achieve the highest possible score on a test at Baylor University where he is studying to become a medical doctor. At commencement exercises, Ronnie received the Dr. Thomas E. Baker award. Ronnie, his wife and two sons will transference back to Oklahoma for this next year.

Emanuel Morgan Accepts NACT Award For Outstanding Social Service Work

Emanuel Morgan, serves as Coordinator of Family and Community Services for the Native American Coalition of Tulsa. As Coordinator, he is responsible for developing and directing a comprehensive program to meet the social service needs of Indian families in the Tulsa area.

Emanuel graduated from Okmulgee High School and later received his Bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University. He also holds an Associates Degree from Connor's State College. He is a U.S. Army Veteran, serving as a Field Communication Electronic Equipment Repairman.

His work experience includes work as an Accounting Specialist and Career Education Counselor with the Creek Nation, and work as

Manager of the Energy Crisis Intervention Program at the Native American Coalition of Tulsa prior to his promotion to Coordinator of Family and Community Services.

Emanuel's varied interests include outdoor and indoor sports, Prison Reform, Career Education and Computer Science Application. On a typical day, you can see

Emanuel providing intake and referral counseling, providing emergency transportation, coordinating services with other Tulsa agencies, working with our

Computer data program, completing management reports, preparing for his next prison visit, managing the re-sale store and constantly seeking new ways to meet the many human needs of Indian families.



EMANUEL MORGAN WAS AWARDED THE SOCIAL SERVICE AWARD at the Native American Coalition of Tulsa, Inc., at the Community Awards Banquet held recently at the Chief Pleasant Porter Building in Tulsa. Emanuel is a native of Okmulgee and a full blood Creek. The award was presented by John McClelland, NACT board member.



MRS. HELEN COON ACCEPTS THE POSTHUMOUS AWARD TO HER DAUGHTER, PHYLLIS JEAN COFFEY, for outstanding service in the field of education at the annual awards banquet held recently at the Native American Coalition of Tulsa. The award winners are chosen from the votes of the greater Tulsa Indian community. Ms. Coffey was director of the Sapulpa Title IV Program and counselor for SPS. She was a board member of NACT and former director of the Tulsa Urban Indian Center. After graduating from NSU in 1970, she was the first teacher for the Creek Nation Adult Education Program.

DEATHS

WOODROW (JACK) STROUD

Memorial services for Woodrow (Jack) Stroud were conducted Saturday, July 3, at the Honey Creek Church with Rev. Thomas Long officiating.

Interment was in Wilson cemetery. Mr. Stroud died July 1. His body was willed to science. His ashes have been returned and have been interred.

Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Stroud, Okmulgee, three stepchildren, Allen Yargee, Oklahoma City; Tiny Martin, Okmulgee; and Gary Rogers, Tulsa. Four sisters, Louise Stroud and Elizabeth Brooks, Oklahoma; Pearl Kendall, Texas; and Melissa Johnson, Kansas.

EDMOND FACTOR

Funeral services for Edmond Factor, Rt. 2, Henryetta, were conducted July 5 at the Fixaco home in Holdenville.

Interment was in the family cemetery in Holdenville. Mr. Factor died June 30 at his residence. He was born August 10, 1910 in Hughes County, Oklahoma and was a veteran of World War Two.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Nora Factor, Midwest City, three sons, Jimmy and John Factor. Three daughters, Sally Factor, Sissy Mae Lewis and Annie Artussee. Nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

JUANITA ELIZABETH INGRAM

Funeral services for Juanita Elizabeth Ingram, 49 were held June 9, at the Hutchchubba Indian Baptist Church with Rev. Roley Haynes officiating the service.

Interment was in the Hutchchubba Cemetery.

Mrs. Ingram was born March 12, 1933 in Henryetta. She married Roy T. Ingram in March 1952.

Survivors include three sons, Joe Nail, Sapulpa, Roy Ingram Jr., Henryetta, and Jimmy Ingram, Houston, Tx., a daughter Virginia Tamplen, Henryetta, one sister, Jenny Ingram, Tulsa, and eight grandchildren.

NELSON HICKS

Funeral services were held July 9, 1982 at the Nuyaka Church east of Last Chance for Nelson Hicks who died July 4 at the age of 26.

He was born October 14, 1955 at Altus, Ok. and resided in the Okemah area with his parents. He was a member of the Nuyaka Church.

He is survived by his parents Wilson and Ina Hicks, his grandmother, Sarah Hicks, three sisters, Lucinda Factor, and Sarah Jane Morgan both of Okemah, and Addie Mae Garreno, of Okmulgee. Two nieces and two nephews.

Interment was in the Nuyaka Church cemetery.

Pickett Chapel Honors Graduating Seniors

On Sunday, May 23, a dinner was held in the dining hall of Pickett Chapel United Methodist Church to honor the graduating Seniors of the Church. Honored were: Tracey Lowe, Mark Watashe, Mona Matthews, Keiley Record, Grant Littlebear, and one guest Tommy Grayson Jr.

The dining hall, tables and walls were decorated with the school color of each student. Drawings of school mascots were on the wall; mortar boards with tassels were added decorations to the table.

Wysena Buctrot Celebrates 90th Birthday

Wysena Madison Buctrot of Bristow, celebrated his 90th birthday with a dinner in the home of his daughter Phoebe Jones. May 22.

Those sharing dinner and birthday cake were the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Skeeter of Mounds, Mr. and Mrs.

Charles Jones and daughter La Sandra Sue of Claremore, Mr. and

Schools represented were: Riverside Indian School, Kellyville, Mounds, and Okmulgee.

Invocation was by Shawney Hardridge; a welcome by the church Pastor, Rev. Joe Lowe; a musical presentation by Niegel Bigpond. Guest speaker was Larry Cahwee, a member of the church now residing and teaching in Coyle Oklahoma. Benediction was by Maxine Barnett. A delicious dinner was enjoyed by members of the church and guest, Jim Waters, Counselor of the Title IV program at Kellyville and his guest.

Mrs. Earl Wheeler and children Kim Kevin and Jeremiah; Ethelene Conley, Joe Washburn, Royce Jean McNac and children, Jamie and Amos Jr. of Bristow; Dimmie Washburn, Bobby Cargil and son Curtis of Sapulpa, and Chad Armitage. Alice Wheeler of Bristow, and his honored guest Chief Claude Cox.

Wysena was born May 22, 1893 at Kellyville, I.T.

CASTLE COMMUNITY NEWS

By Christine Henneha

Castle area had six 1982 Seniors who graduated from Okemah High School. Mike Sands son of Jonah and Bertha Sands. He plans to attend college at East Central University.

Regina Holahta, Creek, is the daughter of Eugene and Cindy Holahta. Her plans are to work.

Sandra Boatman 1/4 Creek is the daughter of Bob and Patsy Boatman. Her plans are to attend Seminole Junior College.

Jennifer Stockstell, 1/4 Creek, is the daughter of Dell and Cora Jean Stockstell. Robin Herrod, 1/4 Creek, is the son of Bob and Charlene Herrod. He plans to attend East Central University. Marcette Gibson, Creek/Seminole, is the daughter of Marc and Larene Gibson. She plans to attend Seminole Jr. College. She has been awarded a scholarship from Eastern Oklahoma State College.

Sam Chubby Beaver graduated from 8th grade, he is the son of Wanda and Sam Beaver.

Sandra A. Sands daughter of Lemley and Lena Sands, a Creek student at Bacone College will receive her Associate of Art Degree during her graduation.

Marla Beaver, Creek was in the relay team which took State. She is daughter of Earnestine Henneha she also ran track in the 6th Annual Creek Nation Olympics. Darlene Osborn a 1/4 Creek, also took the relay team for Okemah School which also took State. She is the daughter of J.D. and Jean Osborn.

Sam Beaver will represent Creek Nation in the National Olympics

COWETA COMMUNITY NEWS

By Nora Doyl

Herbert Sarty, Jr., has left for the National Guard at Ft. Benning, GA.

Larry Gillespie made the Honor Roll at Oklahoma State Tech in Okmulgee for the Spring Trimester.



HERBERT SARTY, JR.

A Surprise Father's Day Dinner was held for Andrew Freeman at his home on Father's Day. Andrew is confined at home due to illness. Prayers and cards will be appreciated for Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Freeman.

Jana Rae Childers placed 2nd in Junior Barrell Racing at the All Indian Rodeo at Oklahoma City, June 20.

Ken Childers attended an Indian National Finals Rodeo Commission Meeting at White Swan, WA. during June, representing the All Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma.

James Sawyer went through surgery and is doing well.

Robert and Linda Miller have a new grandson, Robert Wayne weighing 6 lbs. 3 oz.

We are so glad to have the Muscogee (Creek) Princess Alice King with us and to know she was selected.

We are going to have a Fund Raising Dinner July 24, 1982, 5:00 P.M. at Riddle Hall. Indian Tacos will be a specialty.

The last paper I sent in had Sherry Taylor's baby Jordon Paul weighing 15 lbs. was incorrect he weighed 5 lbs.

OKMULGEE COMMUNITY NEWS

By Pearl Thomas

The regular monthly meeting of the Okmulgee Indian Community was held on Monday, June 14, 1982, at the Creek Nation Complex.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cora Derrisaw and opened with a prayer by Bernice Thomas.

The treasurer report was submitted and read. Chief Cox made the motion to accept the report and seconded by Leah Stacy. Motion carried.

A "Thank You" note was received by Randy Gee and read to those present.

Maggie Juneau gave a report on the fireworks stand and the stand could not be considered because of the length of time but would be considered next year.

Mrs. Derrisaw reminded everyone of the American Indian Physicians meeting and that everyone should be bringing their donations.

Minutes of the May meeting were read at this time. Chief Cox made the motion to accept the report and was seconded by Shirley Thomas. Motion carried.

Report of the Community Olympics was given by Paul Tiger. Participants who qualified and would be participating in the National Olympics were read. Cora thanked Maggie Juneau, Gayle Bevenue and Connie for the help during the Community Olympics. The community fed the children that participated in the Olympics.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Grimes have celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, and Mr. and Mrs. Webster Chalakee have recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with a reception at the Creek Nation Complex, on June 26th.

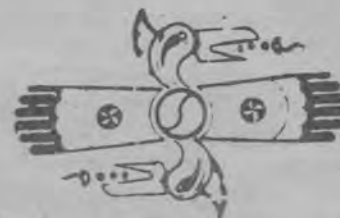
A drawing for a shawl will be held on July 22nd during the Physician's dinner. Tickets are on sale for a \$1.

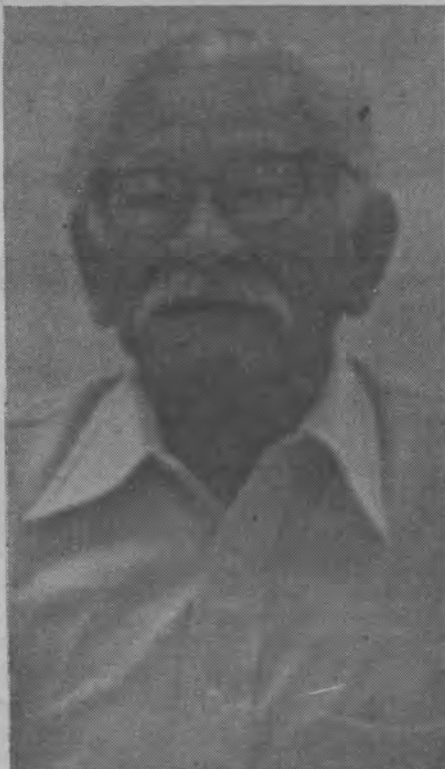
Property for the proposed Community building is being checked into by Chief Cox.

The June door prize was won by Bernice Thomas. It was a beautiful picture frame fashioned after a God's Eye. The July door prize will be furnished by Rachel Thomas.

Minutes of the meeting was furnished by Rachel Thomas who filled in for the secretary, who was absent.

Lillie Cox adjourned the meeting with a prayer. Games and bingo followed the buisness meeting.





AT THE FATHER'S DAY DINNER, Timmy Birdcreek, age 92, received the award for the oldest father in attendance. Jess Freeman received the award for the most grandchildren (22).



CREEK NATION FESTIVAL '82



Creek Nation National Olympics Results:

TEAM POINTS:

1. Creek Nation - 422
2. KCA - 172
3. Sicangu Striders - 136
4. Osage Nation - 116
5. Kickapoo - 32
6. Shawnee Indians - 26
7. Chickasaw Nation - 12
8. OKC - 10
9. Dallas - 08

10-11 GIRL'S - 50 METER: 1. Partresia Harry, C.N.-7.78, 2. Katie Hampton, C.N.-8.05, 3. Leann Arcoren, Sicangu Striders-8.67.
10-11 BOY'S 50 METER: 1. Robert Lena, C.N.-7.34, 2. Doug Crowghost, Dallas-7.59, 3. Chebon Childers, Osage Nation-7.84.
10-11 GIRL'S 100 METER: 1. Partresia Harry, C.N.-13.66, 2. Patricia Buckley, C.N.-13.99, 3. Theresa Holloway, Osage Nation-14.07.
10-11 BOY'S 100 METER: 1. Robert Lena, C.N.-12.76, 2. Doug Crowghost, Dallas-12.86, 3. Galen LaPointe, Sicangu Striders-13.73.
12-13 GIRL'S 100 METER: 1. Shizue LaPointe, Sicangu Striders-11.75, 2. Karen Bear, C.N.-12.78, 3. Terri Banderas, KCA-12.83.
12-13 BOY'S 100 METER: 1. Sid Gatsman, C.N.-11.89, 2. Stephen Hawkins, C.N.-12.09, 3. Sam McKinney, Osage Nation-12.84.
14-15 GIRL'S 100 METER: 1. Marla Beaver, C.N.-12.15, 2. Judith Couffer, Osage Nation-13.38, 3. Rebecca Post oak, Shawnee Indians-12.58.
14-15 BOY'S 100 METER: 1. Sam Beaver, C.N.-10.94, 2. Billy pewo, KCA-11.01, 3. Ron McIntosh, C.N.-11.13.
15-16 GIRL'S 100 METER: 1. Bobbi Gibson, C.N.-13.72, 2. Lavinna Spotted Bear, Osage Nation-13.72, 3. Nina Lusty, C.N.-14.13.
16-18 BOY'S 100 METER: 1. Jeff Washee, KCA-10.24, 2. Antonio Nye, C.N.-10.32, 3. Brent Williams, C.N.-10.35.
12-13 GIRL'S 200 METER: 1. Shizue LaPointe, Sicangu Striders-26.96, 2. Karen Bear, C.N.-30.21, 3. Terri Banderas, KCA-33.48.

12-13 BOY'S 200 METER: 1. Amos Crowls, C.N.-26.79, 2. Stephen Hawkins, C.N.-27.85, 3. Ben Killfirst, KCA-30.50.
14-15 GIRL'S 200 METER: 1. Lenette Parker, KCA-30.44, 2. Cheryl Whinery, C.N.-30.55, 3. Judith Couffer, Osage Nation-30.63.
14-15 BOY'S 200 METER: 1. Sam Beaver, C.N.-24.85, 2. Billy Pewo, KCA-24.93, 3. Peter Guerue, Sicangu Striders-25.42.
16-18 GIRL'S 200 METER: 1. Bobbie Gibson, C.N.-31.96, 2. Stephanie Taylor, C.N.-32.62, 3. Lavinna Spotted Bear, Osage Nation-33.08.
16-18 BOY'S 200 METER: 1. Arnold Gibson, C.N.-23.78, 2. Antonio Nye, C.N.-23.89, 3. Joe Hunter, KCA-24.00.
12-13 GIRL'S 400 METER: 1. Karita Marshall, Sicangu Striders-107.24, 2. Monica Ware, KCA-112.58, 3. Jamie Lusty, C.N.-114.14.
12-13 BOY'S 400 METER: 1. Travis McIntosh, C.N.-105.53, 2. Tim Hicks, C.N.-107.22, 3. Jerry Petty, Osage Nation-108.12.
14-15 GIRL'S 400 METER: 1. Marla Beaver, C.N.-108.98, 2. Pamie Tsotke, KCA-111.80, 3. Renita Chalepah, KCA-123.16.
14-15 BOY'S 400 METER: 1. Dallas McCloskey, Sicangu Striders-55.58, 2. Bobby Archlita, KCA-59.23, 3. Darin Lunderman, Sicangu Striders-100.56.
16-18 GIRL'S 400 METER: 1. Susan Heath, C.N.-119.22, 2. Michelle Byars, Chicksaw Nation-121.06.
16-18 BOY'S 400 METER: 1. Dale King, C.N.-55.03, 2. Kevin Marroquin, KCA-55.15, 3. Alphonso Bad Hand, Sicangu Striders-58.98.
12-13 GIRL'S 800 METER: 1. Tonay Koassechony, KCA-257.57, 2. Nora Left Hand, Bull, Sicangu Striders-259.29, 3. Kelly Hobbia, C.N.-305.58.
12-13 BOY'S 800 METER: 1. Sid Gasman, C.N.-228.68, 2. Travis McIntosh, C.N.-233.78, 3. Charles Marshall, Sicangu Striders-242.8.
14-15 GIRL'S 800 METER: 1. Pamie Tsotke, KCA-316.48, 3. Juell Keo, Kickapoo Youth Development-342.43.
14-15 BOY'S 800 METER: 1. Dallas Cold Iron, Osage Nation-220.67, 2. Allen Kaulaity, KCA-220.79, 3. Francis LaPointe, Sicangu Striders-223.15.

16-18 GIRL'S 800 METER: 1. Susan Heath, C.N.-250.57, 2. Rhonda Harjo, Anadarko-254.63, 3. Michelle Byars, Chicksaw Nation-321.96.
16-18 BOY'S 800 METER: 1. B.J. Smith, Osage Nation-206.53, 2. David Frank, Seminole (OKC)-211.46, 3. Robert Herman, Sicangu Striders-217.23.
14-15 BOY'S 1 MILE RUN: 1. Dale Bad Hand, Sicangu Striders-539.32, 2. Tim Watts, Osage Nation-546.36, 3. Mark Francis, C.N.-552.36.
16-18 GIRL'S 1 MILE RUN: 1. Rhonda Harjo, Anadarko-623.75, 2. Gaynell Jessepe, Kickapoo-822.04, 3. Elaine Ross, Kickapoo-827.26.
16-18 BOY'S 1 MILE RUN: 1. B.J. Smith, Osage Nation-450.92, 2. Sterling Spotted Elk, Sicangu Striders-500.58, 3. David Frank, Seminole (OKC)-512.59.
10-11 BOY'S RELAY: 1. Creek Nation-104.15, 2. KCA-106.25, 3. Sicangu Striders-106.30.
10-11 GIRL'S 400 RELAY: 1. Creek Nation-106.24, 2. KCA-109.37, 3. Osage Nation-111.22.
12-13 GIRL'S 400 RELAY: 1. Sicangu Striders-57.15, 2. KCA-100.66, 3. Creek Nation-101.46.
12-13 BOY'S 400 RELAY: 1. Creek Nation-55.39, 2. KCA-59.52, 3. Sicangu Striders-59.58.
14-15 GIRL'S 400 RELAY: 1. KCA-58.91, 2. Creek Nation-100.10.
14-15 BOY'S 400 RELAY: 1. KCA-50.27, 2. Creek Nation-52.56.
16-18 GIRL'S 400 RELAY: 1. Creek Nation.
16-18 BOY'S 400 RELAY: 1. KCA-47.81, 2. Creek Nation-47.90.
14-15 GIRL'S 800 RELAY: 1. Creek Nation.
14-15 BOY'S 800 METER RELAY: 1. Sicangu Striders.
16-18 GIRL'S 800 METER RELAY: 1. Creek Nation.
16-18 BOY'S 800 METER RELAY: 1. Creek Nation-141.85, 2. Osage Nation-143.72, 3. Kickapoo Youth Development-111.35.
12-13 MIXED RELAY: 1. Creek Nation-57.34, 2. Osage Nation-59.38, 3. /shawnee Indians-100.66.
10-11 GIRL'S SOFTBALL THROW: 1. Tracie Tiger, C.N.-99.5, 2. Lisa Bigeagle, Osage Nation-94.5, 3. Vivkie Holloway, Osage Nation-90.7.

10-11 BOY'S SOFTBALL THROW: 1. Michael Woods, Shawnee Indians-157.1, 2. Lucas Taylor, C.N.-156.4, 3. Brian Watson, Shawnee Area Indians-144.1.
12-13 GIRL'S SOFTBALL THROW: 1. Carmen Tecumseh, C.N.-139.7, 2. Rhonda Hale, C.N.-136.4, 3. Trona Carter, Osage Nation-105.3.
12-13 BOY'S SOFTBALL THROW: 1. Jesse Brown, C.N.-170.4, 2. Vogal Switch, Shawnee Indians-158.6, 3. Timmy Bible, C.N.-154.9.
14-15 GIRL'S SHOT PUTT: 1. Kim Pradmore, Osage Nation-31'1", 2. Karen Stinker, Shawnee Area-28'5", 3. Regina Randall, C.N.-26'11".
14-15 BOY'S SHOT PUTT: 1. Stephen Fox, C.N.-36'1", 2. Charles Arcoren, Sicangu Striders-34'3", 3. Ryan Harjo, C.N.-33'9".
16-18 GIRL'S SHOT PUTT: 1. Lema LaPointe, Sicangu Striders-35'11", 2. Elaine Ross, Kickapoo-26'4", 3. Leslie Parker, KCA-24'10".
16-18 BOY'S SHOT PUTT: 1. Smokey Bonner, Osage Nation-40'1", 2. Steven Colunge, Shawnee Area-23'7", 3. Bobby Cusher, C.N.-30'11".
10-11 BOY'S LONG JUMP: 1. Marcus Hampton, C.N.-12'9 1/2", 2. Galen LaPointe, Sicangu Striders-12'2", 3. Kevin Blandin, Kickapoo-12'1".
10-11 GIRL'S LONG JUMP: 1. Katie Hampton, C.N.-11'5", 2. Bobbie Darnell, Kickapoo-10'9 1/2", 3. Alethia Soweka, C.N.-9'11".
12-13 GIRL'S LONG JUMP: 1. Rhonda Hale, C.N.-12'2", 2. Cindy Wishkeno, 12', 3. Dani Walking Eagle, 11'5".
12-13 BOY'S LONG JUMP: 1. Benny Kittaux, Sicangu Striders-12'6 1/2", 2. J.D. Goad-Osage Nation-13', 3. Richard Edwards, Sicangu Striders-12'4".
14-15 GIRL'S LONG JUMP: 1. Lenette Parker, KCA-12'9", 2. Norma Hampton, C.N.-12'3 1/2", 3. Sandy Lusty, C.N.-12'10".
14-15 BOY'S LONG JUMP: 1. David McClosky, Sicangu Striders-17'8", 2. Ron McIntosh, C.N.-17'8", 3. Maurice Yahola, C.N.-16'10".
16-18 GIRL'S LONG JUMP: 1. Stephanie Taylor, C.N.-12'8 1/2", 3. Lema LaPointe, Sicangu C.N.-12'7 1/2", 2. Teresa Bible, C.N.-12'3 1/2", 3. Lema LaPointe, Sicangu Striders-12'1 1/2".
16-18 BOY'S LONG JUMP: 1. Jeff Washee, Apache (KCA)-19'3", 2. Brent Williams, C.N.-18'8", 3. Kevin Marroquin, KCA-18'8".



SOFTBALL RESULTS:

MEN'S FAST-PITCH

CHAMPIONS: Redman Supply, Tulsa
 2nd PLACE: CMF, Konawa
 3rd PLACE: Tahlinina Choctaws
 4th PLACE: Saskawa

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Bob White, Redman Supply
MOST VALUABLE PITCHER
 Windy Ward, Tahlinina Choctaws

MOST VALUABLE HITTER

Vernon Wolf, Redman Supply

MOST VALUABLE FIELDER

John Bear, CMF

SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY

Haskell, Lawrence KS.

GIRL'S SLOW-PITCH

CHAMPIONS: Logan's Ford, Cushing
 2nd PLACE: J.R. Hill Trucking, Sapulpa
 3rd PLACE: Broken Bow 49'ers
 4th PLACE: Lawson Drilling, Henryetta

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

Shirley Willingham, Logan-Ford

MOST VALUABLE PITCHER

Louise Grayson, Logan-Ford

MOST VALUABLE HITTER

Rhonda Williams, J.R. Trucking

MOST VALUABLE FIELDER

Peggy Robinson, J.R. Trucking

SPORTSMANSHIP TROPHY

Craig, Broken Arrow

VOLLEYBALL RESULTS:

1ST. PLACE: Bill's All Stars

2ND PLACE: Taylors

3RD PLACE: Joe Tulsa

SPORTSMANSHIP: Carl Albert Indian Hospital.

TENNIS RESULTS:

MEN'S SINGLES: Bruce Harjo (Henryetta) defeated Max Factor (Muskogee) 6-1, 6-3.

MEN'S DOUBLES: Paul Chisso-Gerald Fixaco (Tulsa) defeated Rollin Kekhbah-Tom Dixon (Lawrence, Ks.) 6-1, 6-2.

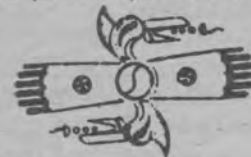
WOMEN'S SINGLES: Phyllis Berryhill (Henryetta) defeated Laurie Dixon (Lawrence, Ks.) 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES: Laurie Dixon-Nona Daughterty (Lawrence, Ks.) defeated Pat Factor (Muskogee)-Phyllis Berryhill (Henryetta) 7-5, 6-3.

MIXED DOUBLES: Phyllis Berryhill-Lucien Berryhill (Henryetta) defeated Laurie Dixon-Tom Dixon (Lawrence, Ks.) 6-3, 7-5.

MEN'S SINGLES CONSOLATIONS: Gerald Fixaco (Tulsa) defeated Michael Wolfvoice (Warner) 6-2, 4-6, 6-1.

WOMEN'S SINGLES CONSOLATIONS: Pat Factor (Muskogee) defeated Lisa Anquoe (El Reno) 6-0, 6-1.



HORSESHOE RESULTS:

63 ENTRIES

16 TEAMS ENTERED

MEN'S SINGLES: 1. Manuel Warrior, \$20. 2. Charles Fixaco, Sr., \$10.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: 1. Lucille Joshua, \$20. 2. Rose Mary Jennings, \$10.

MIXED DOUBLES: 1. Richard Buckley & Lucille Joshua, \$40. 2. Loper Jones & Dianna Compton, \$20.

GOLF RESULTS:

OUTSTANDING PUTTER

Jeff Fleming

MEDALIST

Jeff Fleming

HOLE IN ONE, 17th HOLE

Jerry Perry

OLDEST GOLFER

Martin Sanders

CLOSEST TO HOLE - MEN

Rudy Wolf

CLOSEST TO HOLE - WOMEN

Cindy Warrior

LONGEST DRIVE - MEN

Robert Sanders

LONGEST DRIVE - WOMEN

Katie Alfred

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT:

1. John Freeman, 2. Vincent Knight, 3. Robert Sanders, 4. Bill Campbell.

MEN'S A FLIGHT: 1. Ron Red Elk, 2. Steve Frazier, 3. Don Amos, 4. Jess Toliver.

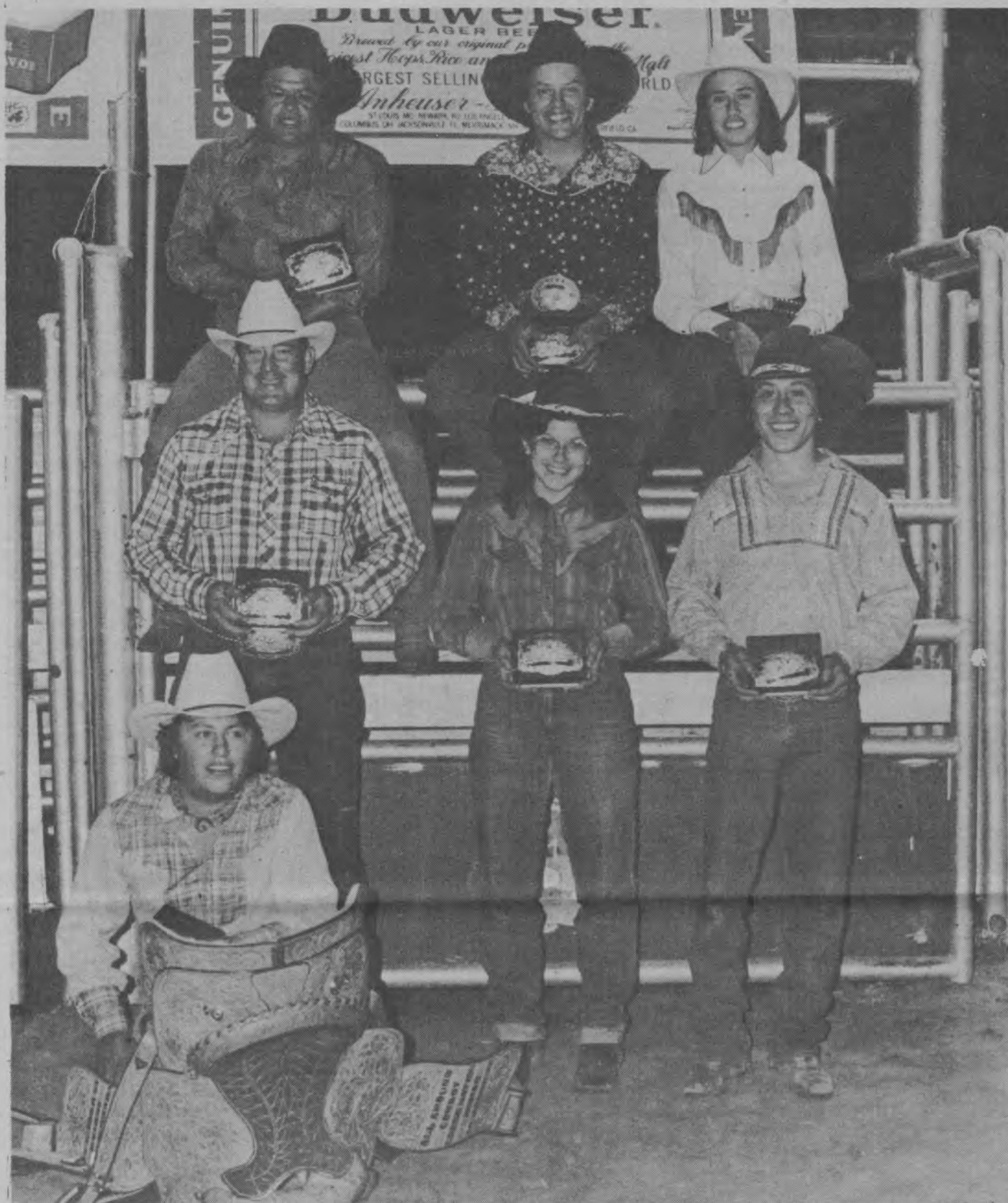
MEN'S B FLIGHT: 1. Johnny Bridges, 2. Rick Nordwall, 3. Bill White, 4. Randy Edmonds.

MEN'S C FLIGHT: 1. Lloyd Burgess, 2. Jerry L. Perry, 3. Rudy Wolf, 4. Shorty Cooper.

MEN'S D FLIGHT: 1. Dennis Dickey, 2. Hughes Burgess, 3. Ron Perry, 4. C.C. Perry.

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT: 1. Katie Alfred, 2. Betty Page, 3. Margaret Page.

WOMEN'S A FLIGHT: 1. Ramona Moore, 2. Moni Daniels, 3. Marion Mitchell.



CREEK NATION '82 RODEO WINNERS- (top row, l-r) Pepper Morgan, 1st Place Calf Roping, Time 12.7, Winnings \$473.36; James Duffield, Tahlequah, 1st Place Bareback Riding, Score 71, Winnings \$333.68; Miss Indian Rodeo Lynn Star McGuire. (bottom row, l-r) Roy Ball, 1st Place Steer Wrestling, Time 4.6, Winnings \$473.36; Lisa DeRoin, 1st Place Barrel Racing, Time 17.05, Winnings \$298.27; Matt Fowler, 1981 World Champion Indian Bull Rider, 2nd Place Bull Riding (1st Place Bull Riding, Bobby Pablo, Window Rock, AZ photo unavailable); and Mark Knight, All-Round Champion shown with award saddle given by Creek Nation Rodeo Association.

Creek Rodeo Results:

BAREBACK BRONC RIDING:

1. James Duffield, 71, \$333.68
2. Spike Bennett, 68, \$208.55
2. T.J. Holgate, 68, \$208.55
3. Felix Begay, 66, \$41.71
3. Tom Osborn, 66, \$41.71

CALF ROPING:

1. Pepper Morgan, 12.7, \$473.36
2. Ben Forman, 12.9, \$355.02
3. Jack Forman, 13.3, \$236.68
4. Paul Lee Forman, 13.7, \$118.34

STEER WRESTLING:

1. Roy Ball, 4.6, \$473.36
2. Mike Johnson, 4.7, \$355.02
3. Leland Walking Bear, \$236.68
4. Kim Carrigan, \$118.34

SADDLE BRONC:

1. Mark Knight, 71, \$397.70
2. Jerry Frazier, 70, \$238.62
3. James Hunt, Jr., 69, \$159.08
3. Don Osborn, 69, \$159.08

TEAM ROPING:

1. John Boyd - J.R. Dahoney, \$447.26
2. Keith Bacon - Ernie Bacon, \$370.15
3. Jess Knight - Mark Knight, \$293.03
4. Felix Begay - Felix Gilbert, \$215.90
5. Justin Patterson - Paul Forman, \$138.80
6. Leo Howery - Ray Howery, \$77.11

BULL RIDING:

1. Bobby Pablo, 79, \$537.38
2. Matt Fowler, 76, 403.03
3. Audie Fowler, 73, \$268.69
4. Al Charlie, \$134.34



**1982-83 Creek Nation Rodeo Queen
JUDY K. JOHNSON**

INFR Scheduled At Albuquerque

The 7th Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR) dates are set for November 18-21, 1982, in the Tingley Coliseum, New Mexico State Fairgrounds, Albuquerque, N.M. The INFR will consist of three evening performances at 7:30 P.M., and three matinee performances at 1:00 P.M. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The INFR is the classic of all Indian rodeos throughout the U.S. and Canada, and features the top 20 contestants in six major rodeo events and the best ladies barrel racers in Indian rodeo. In total, there will be 160 contestants competing for Indian rodeo world championships.

The total payoff will amount to approximately \$61,500 plus special awards in all events, for a total of well over \$75,000 at stake. A major portion of the prize money is being provided by the Adolph Coors Brewing Company, Golden, Co.

The INFR marks the end of a long season of Indian rodeo competition throughout the U.S. and Canada. In 1981, some 250 all Indian rodeos were held in practically every state west of the Mississippi, and pay off amounted to nearly half a million dollars. Indian rodeos boasts a total membership of over 3,000 contestants in the eight regional associations that compete at the INFR.

This year, the format will allow three full go-rounds of competition with a finals on Sunday's performance featuring the Top 12 contestants in each event to declare the new champions. The contestant winning the average in each event will be declared the world champion.

The Indian National Finals Rodeo is absolutely the finest of all Indian rodeo competition and the public is invited to attend.

Tribal Tax Will Finance Tribal Government:

OIO Sponsors Leadership Conference

Leaders of five Indian tribes heard that messages at an Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity-sponsored Tribal Leadership Conference in Norman. Norman attorney and former tribal and Bureau of Indian Affairs official F. Browning Pipestem addressed the tribal chiefs, chairmen and government administrators on deficiencies of their tribal constitutions in the business area.

Pipestem told conference participants that the changing face of the federal government has brought the need to have tribal constitutions primed to provide the legal background for business development. He said that federal grants, through which Indian tribal government has been largely financed, "are drying up rapidly."

Attorney Pipestem told the Indian leaders that they can

provide for their tribal government the same revenue-raising ability that local, state and federal governments possess, adding, "The way that other governments finance their operations is by taxes."

And, the tribal leaders learned that they can invest a large variety of other powers in the tribal government. Pipestem told them that much of the power of tribal government derives from the fact that "there is no statute saying 'No you can't,' and there is no statute saying, 'Yes, you can.'"

Pipestem urged tribal leaders to

amend their constitutions to control the power they need in those areas on which federal and state statutes are mute. "The single greatest asset you have in the development of a business is your power to function as a government," he told the tribal officials. "Other than that you're on equal footing with everyone else."

Pipestem added that in addition to levying taxes, the tribes can change their constitutions to reserve the authority for actions such as writing zoning regulations, issuing auto license plates, and setting up courts.

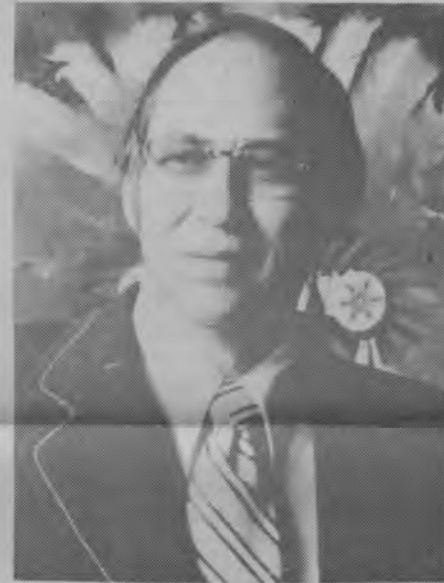
Creek Supreme Court Judge Announces Senate Candidacy

William E. (Bill) Foster, 1/2 Creek, currently serving as Supreme court judge for the Creek Nation has announced his Democratic candidacy for the State Senate, District 12, which includes Creek and Okfuskee Counties and a small portion of Craig County.

Foster, former member of the House of Representatives (1972-74) for Tulsa County, was appointed by Governor Boren in 1975 as Commissioner of Labor to replace Wilbur Wright.

Foster has served on the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, Oklahoma Industrial Advisory Council and the State Manpower Services Council.

Foster worked as a sales representative for Public Service Company of Tulsa for 11 years. He then became owner and manager of Foster and Associates, an investment and tax consultant firm in Tulsa. He attended college at Northeastern Oklahoma University in Tahlequah, receiving his B.S. in



William E. (Bill) Foster business education and economics.

Foster, 52, was born in Oilton, Creek County, graduated from Oilton High School and now resides there with his wife, Wanda, a teacher for Tulsa Public Schools. They have two sons and a daughter.



THIS 1,100 LB. STEER HAS BEEN DONATED BY BILL AND MARTHA PITTMAN, Eufaula, for the Indian Physician's Conference BBQ banquet to be hosted by the Creek Nation.

Frank Ray Harjo Dies In Washington, D.C.

Frank Ray Harjo, 35 the president of ON/AIR, an independent radio-show production company died of heart and kidney ailments July 4 at Albemarle Hospital in Elizabeth City, N.C. He lived in Washington and was vacationing when he was stricken.

Mr. Harjo was born in Wetumka. He grew up in Wetumka and New York City, where he attended Hunter College.

He and his wife Suzan Shown Harjo, were co-producers in New York of "Seeing Red", a program about contemporary American Indian issues that was broadcast by station WBAI-FM. Mr. Harjo also taught a course on the American Indian today at the New York University School of Continuing Education.

Mr. Harjo was president of the Parent-Teachers Association of Brent Elementary School in Washington.

In addition to his wife, survivors include his two children, Duke Ray Harjo and Adriane Shown Harjo; also Helen Bunny, Jim Harjo and Bernice Thomas of Okmulgee and Ira Oselo Johnson of Ononeaga, N.Y.



Job Opening

POSITION: Paralegal in the Creek Nation Division of Tribal Affairs Government and Research Program.

SALARY RANGE: Open

JOB DESCRIPTION: Client intake, identification of legal problems, research and analysis of problems and legal solutions, advising client of choices and alternatives, advocacy for client and appeals.

SPECIFIC DUTIES: Research and analysis of land, mineral, water and other related property problems for Creek Indians by blood; identification of property location, restriction or lack of restriction, residual property interest in surface and/or subsurface rights; technical interests.

JOB SPECIFICATIONS: High school diploma or G.E.D. plus paralegal training.

GENERAL EXPERIENCE: On the job training or work experience.

SPECIALIZED EXPERIENCE: Fluency in the Muskogee language.

QUALITY EXPERIENCE: Familiarity with tribal government and general principals.

SELECTIVE FACTORS: Understanding of the Muscogee (Creek) culture and history.

Indian Newspaper Resumes Publication

Wassaja, a national Indian newspaper which suspended publication for the year 1981, will resume publication with the September, 1982 issue. The entire year has been spent in putting together a professional staff and completing arrangements for maximum technical delivery. The suspension occurred because of difficulties with the postal delivery of the publication.

Wassaja will resume its tabloid format, and will cover issues and problems of concern to the Indian people, as well as news of activities and special events. The regular columns that have appeared formerly will be resumed, such as Speaking Freely, Call Me Brother, and Book Reviews.

An additional feature will be a department called Media Watch which will monitor mass media as well as Indian media, discussing issues raised, information delivered or withheld, and the interpretation of Indian issues. This department will also offer information of special interest to the Indian media, such as financing, advertising, handling news, and technology.

Those desiring to have news published in Wassaja should send their releases before the August 1 deadline for the September edition. The first press run is 52,100. Rupert Costo is editor-in-chief of Wassaja, as he has been since its founding in 1970.

Subscription information is available by writing Wassaja, 1451 Masonic Avenue, San Francisco, Ca. 94117, telephone 415-626-5235, for news as well as all other information.

\$1,000 REWARD OFFERED

A \$1,000 reward will be given through May 1, 1984, to persons providing information leading to arrest and conviction of anyone killing an eagle according to the Oklahoma Wildlife Federation.

The reward program is the second of its type announced by the Federation in recent days, the other being a reward of \$500 for information leading to arrest and conviction of persons killing scissortail flycatchers, Oklahoma's State Bird.

Anyone with information concerning suspected illegal killings of eagles or scissortails may call the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation's Operation Game Thief hotline (800-522-8039), 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, or they may contact State Game Rangers or county Sheriffs.



Muscogee National Council Approved Minutes For April, 1982 Meeting

Invocation was given by Helen Chupco. The meeting was called to order by Speaker, Kenneth L. Childers. Roll call was taken with eight members present: Helen Chupco, Thomas McIntosh, Richard Larney, Carney Roberts, Clarence Cloud, Nelson Johnson, Andy Bible, Kenneth L. Childers. A quorum was declared and any and all business transacted during this meeting would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

Introduction of Special guests: The speaker introduced two special guest attending this meeting, they were Dr. Ruth Arrington, a newly appointed member of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs. She gave a brief presentation as to what her new position consisted.

Mr. Chuck Preston was also introduced. He also, brought the Council up to date in the fulfilling of his contract as well as with Mr. McNabb. He advised the Council that he had been selected to assist Mr. McNabb in achieving the goals set out by the tribe.

READING OF MINUTES: Minutes had been mailed prior to this meeting. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval or disapproval of the April 24, 1982 minutes. A motion was made by Nelson Johnson for the approval of the minutes and seconded by Richard Larney. A roll call vote was taken with the result being: all in favor. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval, the minutes were approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as approved.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

OLD BUSINESS: An Ordinance, NCA 82-30 having been read as far as Section 100. This Ordinance was entitled as an Ordinance Approving the Judicial Codes of 1982. Note: A copy of the judicial codes had been mailed prior to the meeting. A discussion session was held immediately followed by a motion. Robert W. Trepp recommended that the codes be postponed until a definite of final draft could be developed. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Helen Chupco and seconded by Clarence Cloud to postpone the Judicial Codes of 1982. A motion having been duly made, seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in Favor, None against, no abstentions. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval, NCA 82-30 was postponed and will be recorded as such in the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such, and will be postponed until the next meeting. Discussion was held on the Judicial Codes and it was decided that a committee be selected to work on these codes. Helen Chupco and Clarence Cloud were selected to serve on this Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

An Ordinance - NCA 82-32: An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation establishing the Tribal Store. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The Tribal Store is hereby established as an agency of the Government of the Muscogee Nation. The Principal Chief is authorized and directed to supervise the activities of the Tribal Store. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to spend such funds as may be appropriated for the purpose of the Tribal Store, and is required to submit quarterly financial reports upon the Tribal Store to the National Council. **Section 103.** The financial transactions of the Tribal Store shall not be taxed prior to July 1, 1982, except tobacco sales already taxed. **Section 104.** The Tribal store shall permit purchases exclusively by enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Indians, and by any such enrolled citizen on behalf of any Muscogee (Creek) Indian church, community, ceremonial ground, or agency of the government of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. **Section 105.** The Tribal store shall assume the tobacco marketing duties established in Section 101 of tribal ordinance NCA 81-101. **Section 106.** Taxes. A) Effective July 1, 1982, the gross receipts (including tobacco sales) of the Tribal store shall be taxed at a rate of 1% (one percent), payable to the Muscogee Nation. B) Revenue accruing to the Muscogee Nation under Section 106 A) shall be held in an interest bearing account until appropriated by Ordinance C) Effective July 1, 1982, taxes established in Section 103 of tribal Ordinance NCA 81-101 are abolished to permit the tax in Section 106 (a) of this ordinance to become affective. **Motion:** by Larney to approve NCA 82-32 as read. **Seconded** by Bible. A roll call was taken with the results being: One against, no abstentions, and six in favor. Motion carried.

NCA 82-33. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Regulating the Conduct of "Bingo" games on Tribal Lands and Individual Lands Section 101. The game of "Bingo" and other games of chance described by this Ordinance, are hereby permitted

to be conducted upon tribal lands and upon individual lands belonging to enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Indians, provided that a valid license under this Ordinance be obtained. **Section 102. Definition.** A) "Bingo" shall mean the game commonly known as "Bingo", including all different variations of that game played for cash prizes. B) "Other games of chance" shall mean only those games commonly known as pull-tabs or break-open cards which are played for cash prizes. C) "License" shall mean a written document issued under the procedures of Section 103 of this Ordinance. **Section 103. License.** A) The Muscogee Nation reserves the right to license by ordinance, a tribal enterprise which conducts "Bingo" games for the profit of the Muscogee Nation. B) The Principal Chief is authorized and directed to issue a license to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Committee at an annual fee of \$120. (one hundred and twenty dollars), to conduct "Bingo" games and other games of chance on tribal lands, not to exceed fifty two sessions per year, the proceeds of which shall be spent exclusively upon annual Muscogee Creek Nation Festival of its related activities and upon projects approved by the festival committee which affect the health, safety, and welfare of the Creek Indians. C) The Principal Chief is authorized and directed to issue a license to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Rodeo Committee, at an annual fee of \$120.00 (one hundred and twenty dollars) to conduct "Bingo" games and other games of chance on tribal lands, not to exceed fifty two sessions per year the proceeds of which shall be spent exclusively on the annual Muscogee (Creek) Naiton Rodeo and its related activities and the projects approved by the Rodeo Committee which benefit the health, safety and welfare of the Muscogee (Creek) Indians. D) The Principal Chief is authorized to issue licenses to the Muscogee (Creek) Indian Communities, ceremonial grounds and churches, at a fee of \$10 (ten dollars) per month, to conduct Bingo games and other games of chance to tribal lands or individual lands of the Muscogee (Creek) Indians not to exceed four session per month, the proceeds which shall be spent exclusively upon projects approved by the Muscogee (Creek) Indian Communities, Ceremonial grounds, or churches which possesses the license. **Section 104** This Ordinance shall not prohibit any activity not requiring a license under this ordinance which may be used for fund-raising activities by Muscogee (Creek) Indian groups and individuals. **Section 105.** Any enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Indians who sponsors, or who participates in a group which sponsors, without a license a "Bingo" game or other games of chance on tribal lands, or on individual lands of enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Indians, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$150.00 per violation. **Section 106.** Revenue accruing to the Muscogee Nation under this Ordinance shall be held in an interest-bearing account until appropriated by Ordinance. **Motion:** was made by Johnson to strike the last clause in B,C, and D leaving the sentence to end in "not to exceed fifty-two sessions per year". **Seconded:** by Roberts. **Roll call vote:** Six in favor, none against, one abstention. The amendment was approved and will be as read: **B.** The Principal Chief is authorized and directed to issue a license to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival Committee, at an annual fee of \$120.00 (one hundred and twenty dollars), to conduct "Bingo" games and other games of Chance on tribal lands, not to exceed fifty-two sessions per year. **C)** The Principal Chief is authorized and directed to issue a license to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Rodeo Committee, at an annual fee of \$120.00 (one hundred and twenty dollars), to conduct "Bingo" games and other games of chance on tribal lands, not to exceed fifty-two sessions per year. **D).** The Principal Chief is authorized to issue licenses to Muscogee (Creek) Indian Communities, ceremonial grounds and churches, at a fee of \$10.00 (ten dollars) per month, to conduct "Bingo" games and other games of chance on tribal lands or individual lands of enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Indians, not to exceed four sessions per month. **Action.** The Chair entertained a motion for the adoption of NCA 82-33. **Motion:** was made by Johnson to adopt NCA 82-33 as amended. **Seconded:** by Cloud. **Roll call vote:** Five in favor, two against and no abstentions. Voting Results: Chupco - No; Bible - Yea; Johnson - Yea; Cloud - Yea; McIntosh - Yea; Lamey - No; Roberts - Yea. By majority vote NCA 82-33 was adopted as amended.

NCA 82-33 An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation requesting the U.S. Department of Interior issue a written determination of the nature and extent of the Rights of Individual Enrolled Muscogee (Creek) Indians to Hunt, Fish and Gather Wild Plants as Provided by Treaty, Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The Muscogee Nation hereby requests that the U.S. Department of Interior issue a written determination of the issues raised in this Ordinance relating to the rights of the Muscogee people to hunt, fish and gather wild plants, and the powers of the Muscogee Nation to regulate such actions by

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tribal members and non-members. **Section 102.** Findings. The National Council finds that, A. From time immemorial until March 24, 1982, the Muscogee Nation possessed the rights to hunt, fish, and gather wild plants within aboriginal lands (except as ceded to Great Britain, its colonies, and the United States), as is evidenced by, but not limited to, the following: 1) Article VII, Treaty of August 7, 1790 (7 Stat., 35) 2) Article I, Treaty of November 14, 1805 (7 Stat., 96) B. These rights were exchanged for equivalent rights in the Indian Territory under the authority of the Indian Removal Act of 1880 (4 Stat., 411) as implemented by the Treaty of March 24, 1882 (7 Stat., 306). C. Such exchanged rights are bounded by the Treaty boundary of the Muscogee Nation as defined by the Treaty of February 14, 1833 (7 Stat., 417) and diminished by the Treaty of June 14, 1866 (14 Stat., 785) and the Agreement of January 19, 1889 (25 Stat., 757) D. The Muscogee Nation holds additional rights to hunt, fish and gather wild plants in "the Great Prairie west of the Cross Timber to the Western limits of the United States" by authority of: 1) Article 4, Treaty of August 24, 1835 (7 Stat., 474) 2) Article 4, Treaty of May 26, 1837 (7 Stat., 533) E. The United States Congress limited its plenary power over the above rights in Article 10, Treaty of June 14, 1866 (14 Stat., 785) F. The Government of March 8, 1900 (31 Stat., 861) and the Agreement of June 30, 1902, do not limit or modify the above rights to hunt, fish and gather wild plants. G. No other Act of Congress limits or modifies the above rights to hunt, fish and gather wild plants. H. Apparently around the time of statehood, the State of Oklahoma illegally assumed that it possessed jurisdiction to regulate hunting, fishing and gathering of wild plants by Muscogee people despite the provisions of: 1. Article 14 Treaty of March 24, 1832 2. Article 4, Treaty of August 7, 1856. 3. Article 3, Treaty of June 14, 1866. 4. Article 1, Oklahoma Constitution, Section 3 I. The Muscogee Nation possesses the inherent power to regulate the conduct of its enrolled members in activities of hunting, fishing and gathering wild plants, and also possesses the power to regulate such conduct by non-members by virtue of, but not limited to, the following: 1. Article IV, Treaty of August 7, 1790. 2. Article 10, Treaty of June 14, 1866. 3. Title 16, U.S. Code, Section 3372. J. The enrolled member of the Muscogee Nation desire to exercise their treaty rights to hunt, fish, and gather wild plants. **Section 103.** The Principal Chief is authorized and directed to provide copies of this Ordinance to: A. Superintendent, Okmulgee Agency, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. B. Director of Rights Protection, Central Office, U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs. Ordinance having been read and considered the Chair entertained a motion. Motion by Roberts to adopt NCA 82-34. Seconded by McIntosh. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven (7) in favor, no abstentions, none against. Motion carried.

NCA 82-35 An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Appointing a Nominee to the Board of Economic Affairs. Section 101. The nomination by the Principal Chief of Eddie Gooden a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, to serve upon the board of Economic Affairs is hereby confirmed by the National Council, to complete the unexpired term of Dan Childers, as provided by Ordinance. Ordinance having been read the Chair entertained a motion. Motion by Chupco to adopt NCA 82-35 as read. Seconded by Cloud. Roll Call Voting: Seven (7) in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried.

NCA 82-36. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Approving the Oil and Gas Lease with Peyton Oil Incorporation. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Oil and Gas Lease dated October 13, 1981 between Claude A. Cox, Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, of Okmulgee, State of Oklahoma, for and on behalf of the Creek Tribe of Indians, and Peyton Oil Incorporated, 6350 LBJ Freeway, Suite 299, of Dallas, State of Texas, 75240 is hereby approved for a primary term of three years with a royalty rate of 20% (twenty per cent) on the following described lands: 7/8 minerals in E 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 4 T15N, R93 all in Creek County State of Oklahoma, and in Creek District, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, containing 80 acres more or less. Ordinance having been read and considered, the Chair entertained a motion. Motion: Helen Chupco made a motion to adopt NCA 82-36 as read. Seconded: by Lamey. Roll Call Voting: Five in favor none against two abstentions. Voting Results: Chupco, Yea; Roberts, yea; Cloud, yea; Bible, abstain; Johnson, yea; Lamey, yea; McIntosh, abstain. Motion carried.

Items for Consideration:

NCA 82-38 an Ordinance entitled "Providing Authorization for Tribal Contracts to Provide Services & Programs for Fy 1982. NCA 82-21 entitle Confirming an Appointment to the Citizenship Board. The Chair entertained a motion to place NCA 82-38 on the Agenda. Motion: by Lamey to place NCA 82-38 on the Agenda for consideration. Seconded by Roberts. Roll Call Voting: Seven in favor. Motion carried. The Chair entertained a motion to place NCA 82-21 on the Agenda for consideration. Action died from lack of a motion NCA 82-21 was not placed on the agenda.

Hearing:

At this point of the meeting the speaker turned the meeting over to Jon Craig who conducted a Public Hearing on the Revenue Sharing for Fy 1982. Mr. Craig addressed the Council and advised them that this was the seconded hearing on the 1982 FY Revenue Sharing, and that two public hearings must be held (which may or may not be in addition to the hearings, if any, which the recipient now holds). The revenue sharing regulations define "public hearing" as a meeting called by a recipient government to provide citizens with an opportunity to offer written and oral comments regarding the subjects to be discussed. Beginning on January 1, 1977 revenue sharing funds could be used, obligated or appropriated for any purpose for which a recipient could spend its own revenues. The first required hearing is the proposed use hearing, which has already been held, prior to the submission of this budget. The second budget hearing must be held by the legislative body and citizens must also have the opportunity to ask questions about the overall budget and the relationship of revenue sharing funds to that

budget, as well as the opportunity to comment on the budget, which is what we are doing today. At this point, Mr. Craig opened the floor for discussion. With discussion being held, Mr. Craig turned the meeting over to the Speaker ending the Public Hearing.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Speaker called on Robert Trepp, Acting Parliamentarian and reader to read the Ordinance entitle as NCA 82-37 and Ordinance Approving the Revenue Sharing Budget. **Section 101.** The Revenue Sharing Budget of the Muscogee Nation for Fy 1982 is hereby authorized and appropriated as follows: A. 7,000.00 National Council Contingency Fund. B. 7,000.00 Executive Branch Contingency Fund. C. 18,000.00 Agri-Business Equipment and Materials. D. 5,235.00 Realty Administration Equipment and Materials. E. 25,000.00 Indian Community Grants and Tribal Program Operations. F. 10,000.00 Emergency Assistance Funds. **Section 102.** Interest accrued on the Fy-82 Revenue Sharing Account is designated for Indian Community Grants and Tribal Programs Operations. Ordinance having been read the Chair entertained a discussion, then a motion. Motion by Johnson to amend Section 101 and Section 102 as follows: Section 101. (A through F) to be amended with A. 4,500 National Council Contingency Fund. B. 4,500 Executive Branch Contingency Fund. C. 18,100 Agri-Business Equipment and Minerals. D. 5,235 Realty Administration Equipment and Materials. E. 25,000 Indian Community Grants. F. 15,000 Emergency Assistance. **Section 102.** Interest accrued on the FY-82 Revenue Sharing Account and Budgeted funds not expended by July 1, 1983 are designated to be divided equally between the National Council Contingency Fund and the Executive Branch Contingency Fund. Seconded by Lamey. Upon a motion duly made seconded, a roll call vote was taken to approve the amendment made. Voting results: five in favor, one against, one abstention. Roll Call Voting: Chupco, abstain; Cloud, yea; Lamey, yea; Bible, yea; McIntosh, no; Johnson, yea; Carney, yea. Motion carried. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval of NCA 82-37 as amended and read. Motion by Roberts to approve NCA 82-37 as read. Seconded by Lamey. Voting results: five in favor one against, one abstention. Roll Call Voting: Chupco, abstain; Cloud, yea; Roberts, yea; Bible, yea; McIntosh, no; Johnson, yea; Lamey, yea. Motion carried.

The Speaker turned this portion of the meeting over to the Executive Director to explain about the Tribal Contracts. Immediately following this discussion, the Speaker called on Trepp to read the ordinance. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** Findings, the National Council finds that: A. The Muscogee Nation has satisfactorily performed its contractual obligations throughout the past several fiscal years. B. Federal, state and other contracts are currently necessary for the tribal delivery of needed services to Indians within the Muscogee Nation. C. Federal, state and other contracts should be authorized for Fiscal year 1983. **Section 102.** Declaration of Policy. It is the policy of the Muscogee Nation to utilize federal, state and other contracts for the tribal delivery of necessary services to Indians within the Muscogee Nation.

Title One Contracts Authorized. Section 151. Contracts described by this Ordinance are hereby authorized for Fiscal Year 1983. **Section 152.** The authority of the Muscogee Nation to enter into contracts for the 1983 Fiscal Year is hereby delegated to the Principal Chief under the term of this Ordinance. **Section 153.** The Muscogee Nation shall enter into contracts and grants with federal, state and other entities including but not limited to: A. The United States of America. 1. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs. (a) Okmulgee Agency Programs. **Section 201.** In performance of the above described contracts, the following guidelines are hereby imposed upon the Principal Chief: A. The scope of each contract shall be the maximum amount of services which is contractible (or, for area wide or multi-tribal programs, the tribal share is negotiated) and, in the judgement of the Principal Chief, which the Muscogee Nation capable of fulfilling. The scope of services for each contract shall be published in the Muscogee Nation News after final award. B. A negotiating team is hereby created to consist of the Principal Chief the Executive Director, and the Director of Division proposed to implement the contract; and the negotiating team is hereby vested with the authority to negotiate any contract and amendments thereto. Any disagreement among the negotiating team shall be settled by binding majority vote. C. The Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation is hereby authorized to implement each contract and any amendments thereto. D. The authorities granted by this Ordinance shall expire on September 30, 1983, provided that: 1. Contract extensions approved both parties to the contract shall continue under the authorities of this Ordinance. 2. Contracts which do not exceed the time limit in Section 201 of this Ordinance shall continue under the authorities of this Ordinance. E. Review of contract proposals contained in Section 153 of this Ordinance has been completed by the National Council and no further review is required prior to execution. F. New proposals shall be reviewed by the National Council and, if approved added to Section 153 of this Ordinance by amendment. G. Upon amendment of Section 153 of this Ordinance, the Secretary shall be required to compile an amended version of this Ordinance, and the Speaker and Principal Chief shall be required to execute original signatures to the amended version of this Ordinance. H. All contracts shall commence on or after October 1, 1982. I. All contracts shall be for a period of not more than three years. **Section 202.** Funds received by the Muscogee Nation under any contract authorized by this Ordinance are hereby appropriated for the sole purposes of the contract and the Principal Chief is instructed to expend those funds in accordance with applicable contract and other requirements. **Section 203.** Budget modification may be proposed by the Principal Chief to the Agency and if approved, may be implemented. **Section 204.** The Principal Chief is directed to enter into leases of tribal facilities on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to tribal programs under contract and to federal programs needing office, program or storage space when such federal programs serve Indian residents or citizens of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. All such funds received are hereby appropriated to the tribal facilities Maintenance Program for expenditures for maintenance, supplies equipment, salaries, fringe benefits and other operating expenses. Any surplus in the 1983 Facilities (Council Minutes Continued next page)

Cherokee Documents To Be Preserved

NORMAN--The rare and historically significant Cherokee Nation Papers, a collection of tribal documents and materials dating from 1816 through 1908, will be processed, inventoried and preserved under a \$27,000 grant recently awarded to the Western History Collections at the University of Oklahoma.

The grant is being provided by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission and work on the project will begin in July.

The Cherokee Nation Papers, which are a part of OU's Western History Collections, record such major events as the removal of the tribe from the South to Arkansas, and subsequently, to Indian Territory; the tribal division during the Civil War; and the impact of reconstruction, land allotments and the reluctant acceptance of statehood.

The documents, some written in the Cherokee language, also cover all aspects of life, including educational institutions, social and cultural activities, business and industry, agriculture, government, legal affairs, religion and the arts and military campaigns, explained John Ezell, curator of the Western

History Collections.

Of special historical interest, he added, is a series of correspondence between the Cherokee Confederate Brig. Gen. Stand Watie and Gen. Albert Pike concerning the Cherokee role in the Civil War. Watie was the last Confederate general to surrender at the end of the war. Also, correspondence between Mrs. Watie and both her husband and children provides insight into the problems of civilian life in Indian Territory during the war.

"Although there has been much scholarly demand for use of the collection, we have been forced to restrict access because of the absence of an inventory and the fragile condition of the documents," Ezell said. "Some of the papers are beginning to crumble and others are in critical need of conservation work."

To help arrest deterioration of the 200,000 documents, each will be stored separately in acid-free folders, Ezell said. "Ultimately, we hope to obtain funding to microfilm such documents so that the original manuscript will no longer be handled," he added.

An internationally recognized authority on document preservation, Dr. George Cunha, will visit the OU Western History Collections this summer to provide recommendations for conservation needs, noted Ezell. His visit as a consultant to the collection's preservation efforts is being funded by the Society of American Archivists.

"The completion of this project is expected to stimulate research in the history of the Cherokee Nation in particular, and in the history of Oklahoma and the West in general," Ezell said.

One of OU's oldest collections, the Cherokee Nation Papers have accumulated over the years, although the bulk of the documents were discovered in the 1920's and '30's by E.E. Dale, an OU professor for 32 years who was known as the dean of Oklahoma historians. The Cherokee Nation Papers are just one of many collections in OU's Western History Collections, which is the oldest and most heavily used special section of Bizzell Memorial Library.

The collection's origin dates back to 1927 to Dale, who was instrumental in the establishment of the Frank Phillips Library on Oklahoma and American Indian History. Among those included in the Western History Collections are the Edward Everett Dale Collection, the Fred P. Schonwald Collection on North American Indians and Indian Art, the Henry B. Bass Collection and the Congressional Archives of the Carl Albert Congressional Research and Studies Center.

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Maintenance Budget shall become tribal income available for appropriation in 1984. **Section 205.** Nothing in this Ordinance shall prevent the operation of any tribal Ordinance relating to contracts, management and administration; nor prevent the Muscogee Nation from adopting ordinances which require the Principal Chief to propose Scope of Services or Budget Modifications to the entity involved in any contract. **Section 206.** No request to retrocede any contract under this Ordinance is authorized to be made without any Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation. **Section 207.** As of the date of this Ordinance, the consent of the Muscogee Nation under the Self-Determination Act for any Indian organization other than the Muscogee Nation to operate any contract to serve Indian residents or citizens of the Muscogee Nation has been granted solely to organizations listed in this section, and consent for other organization shall require an Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation. A. Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma: Seneca Indian School. B. Chickasaw Nation: Solar Panel Cleaning and Grounds Maintenance at Ada PHS Hospital. C. (Reserved) **Section 208.** The Principal Chief is authorized to obtain such residual or carry-over fund as may be available from unexpended FY 1982 funds, to be applied to a contract for the same general purpose. **Section 209.** The Muscogee (Creek) Nation hereby requests Technical Assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, as specified in writing by the Principal Chief in the form of data and information requested. Voting results: seven in favor no abstentions, none against. Motion carried. The Chair addressed the Council with a recommendation for the appointment of David J. Proctor to serve on the Tribal Taxation Task Force. His recommendation was made in accordance with NCA 82-25 Section 102, "C". The Council was asked if there were any objections to this recommendation. There were no objections by a unanimous approval. David J. Proctor was appointed to serve on the Tribal Taxation Task Force as a representative for the National Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Planning Session will be held June 9, 1982 at 6:30 P.M., in the Auditorium located in the Mound Building. The Senior Citizens would be having a Rummage sale on the 5th of June.

ADJOURNMENT.

BENEDICTION BY. Wilma Dunn.

SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE WASHINGTON, D.C.

Re: RAISING OF SWINE

DEAR MR. SECRETARY,

We Aggies have learned of a man who was paid \$1,000 from the government for not raising hogs. We are interested in going into the not raising hogs business.

What we need to know is what is the best kind of land not to raise hogs on and what is the best kind of hogs not to raise? We would prefer not to raise Razorbacks (that name reminds of some bad days at Little Rock), but if this is not the best kind not to raise, we would just as gladly not raise Durocs or Poland Chinas.

The hardest part of this business is going to be keeping an individual record on each of the hogs we do not raise.

The man we heard of has been raising hogs for more than 20 years and the most he ever made was \$400 in 1968, until this year when he received \$1,000 for not raising 50 hogs. Now, if we get \$1,000 for not raising 50 hogs, will we get \$2,000 for not raising 100 hogs, etc.

We plan to start off on a small scale, holding ourselves down to not raising 4,000 hogs for which we will, of course, receive \$80,000.

Now these hogs we will not raise, will not eat 100,000,000 bushels of corn. We understand that you pay farmers for not raising corn. Will you pay us for not raising 100,000,000 bushels of corn, which we will not feed to the hogs which we are not raising?

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Windmill Provides Electrical Power For Tribal Offices

By Gary Robinson

Recently a wind generator was installed at the Creek Nation Complex in Okmulgee to capitalize on the power of Oklahoma's winds. This modern-day windmill, manufactured by Enertech, will provide electricity for the tribal offices at wind speeds as little as eight miles per hour.

The Creek Nation Planning Department explained the project really began last summer when they submitted a grant proposal to the Department of Energy in Washington, D.C. The grant was approved last November, but due to cutbacks in the Energy Department, and other complications, we are just getting the funds to install the system.

Engineering estimates place the average windspeed at the windmill's location at ten miles per hour with an approximate monthly output of 240 kilowatt hours.

The higher the windspeed, the greater the output, with a maximum output of 2100 watts. When the windspeed reaches eight miles per (See WIND Continued W/Photo, Page 5)



DIRECTOR OF INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE, DR. EVERETT RHOADES (center), SHOWN WITH CREEK PRINCIPAL CHIEF COX AND CREEK NATION DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES, MARK DOWNING, recently visited Creek Nation for the Annual Association of American Indian Physicians Conference held here at the Tribal Complex. Dr. Rhoades founded the A.A.I.P. in 1971 with a group of fourteen Indian physicians interested in setting up a communication network among Indian physicians throughout the United States. The A.A.I.P. preserves Indian culture and fosters Native American practices. A major activity of the A.A.I.P. is to recruit American Indians into health programs.

C.N. To Distribute Commodities

By Helen Bennett

A commodity distribution grant has been awarded the Creek Nation from the U.S. Department of Agriculture-Food and Nutrition Services, to administer the distribution of food commodities to eligible Indians, announced Principal Chief Cox this week from tribal headquarters.

"The Creek tribe is the only Indian tribe in Oklahoma to be awarded this type of program", Chief added. "Our goal is to serve 3,500 individuals for the first year", he said.

"The commodity distribution program will get underway this September. Preparation for staffing storage and actual delivery are now being made by the Division of Community Services", said Mark Downing, director. "Distribution will amount to 70 lbs. of commodities (valued at \$40.30), per eligible person, per month. A family of four, for example, could receive \$161.20 worth of food a month," he explained.

A sample food package for one person contains: 2 lbs. dry beans; 3 29 oz. cans of meat; 1/2 lb. peanut

butter or 1/2 lb. peanuts; 3/4 lb. egg mix; 2 lbs. canned vegetarian beans; 2 lbs. dry milk; 2 lbs. process cheese; 8 14-1/2 oz. cans evaporated milk; 1 lb. each of rice, oats, corn meal, or pasta; 14 oz. farina or bulgar; 20 lbs. flour; 5 lbs. canned vegetables; 1/2 lb. dehydrated instant potatoes; 5.7 lbs. canned fruit; 9.3 lbs. canned juice; 1 lb. butter; 3 lbs. shortening; and 1 lb. corn syrup.

When the program actually gets underway, a food preference survey will be conducted. After the survey is completed and analyzed, reordering commodities will be based on what participants request from what is available from U.S.D.A. For example, if more people request pork than chicken, more pork will be ordered. A choice can also be made on fruit juices, etc. A nutrition education program for participants will also be started in the communities to assure the food products are prepared to the best nutritional advantage.

Paul Tiger has been named manager of the program. The administrative offices will be located at the tribal complex in

Okmulgee. The central warehouse will also be located in Okmulgee. Later this month, all staff working with the program will undergo an intensive training course in Dallas.

Distribution points and scheduled delivery days are shown on page four. Deliveries will be made every two weeks to the scheduled places. No deliveries will be made on Mondays and Fridays. Due to federal regulations, residents of towns with a population of 10,000 or over cannot participate in the program. Federal government has described these Indians as urban and ineligible. Tribal officials are now working to try to get this unrealistic regulation changed. For the time those ineligible towns in Creek Nation include: Tulsa, Sapulpa, Muskogee, Okmulgee, Sand Springs and Broken Arrow.

Participants eligibility will be determined by certification clerks from completed applications. The applications may be picked up at the tribal complex or any one of the scheduled distribution points within the eight county area to be served within Creek Nation.

Any Indian now participating on the food stamp program should be eligible for commodities. However, if a person chooses to take commodities, they can no longer receive food stamps. If at any time, they want to switch back to food stamps, they have the right to do so. Commodity program staff will be working with the state food stamp program to avoid duplication of services. The advantage of receiving commodities, is there is no charge for the food products.

The Creek Nation Commodity Program will be closely monitored by both tribal and federal officials. Personnel will be subject to take lie detector tests at any time to avoid abusive distribution.

A notice of the actual start up date for the commodity distribution will be published in the next Muscogee Nation News. If this date should occur before the next edition, Paul Tiger said community people will be notified by either mail or phone. "We want everyone to be aware of this service and to utilize it if possible," Tiger said.




NATIVE AMERICAN GIFT SHOP

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NACT, Inc. a non profit organization has recently opened the Native American Gift Shop at 1740 W. 41st Tulsa, Okla. This Indian owned Sales outlet was developed as a service for you. For more information contact Larry Daylight, Manager at 918-446-8432

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Letters To the Editor!

EDITOR:

Will you please publish a brief note for me in your editorial column? I would greatly appreciate hearing from some relatives of that area. They are: Preston Alberto Clay Wallace (Wallis), born 1841, died 1915 in Heber Springs, Arkansas. He was the fourth child born to Alberto Fielding Wallis and wife, Ann Moore. Who were his three brothers and sisters? I'm told that they still have relatives in the Creek Nation.

Preston had a half-brother, born 1841, named James M. Burns, son of Ann (Moore) Wallis and her second husband, Archibald Burns. Ann Moore Wallis Burns was married a third time to Jas. T. White, in Independence County, Arkansas.

Ann's brother was Napoleon Bonaparte Moore, Judge of the Supreme Court of the Creek Nation. They were children of William Moore and his wife Lucy Chemulee of Cusseta Town, Alabama. I'm told that there are still many MOORE descendants still living in the Creek Nation.

I'm hoping to find family members among the citizens of that area. Will be most happy to exchange family information.

JEAN DICE WALLACE
2724 Ellison Drive
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EDITOR MUSCOGEE NATION NEWS:

I hope your recent printing of the reward offer by the State of Wildlife Conservation department provokes a lot of discussion by the Muscogee people.

Here the state is offering rewards to Indian people to turn in their friends who need eagle feathers or sissortail feathers for traditional religious uses.

Every paper in this region has carried the reward notice: The "Muscogee Nation News" did us all a service by reminding us that the reward was directed at capturing Indian people.

The State does not recognize the Treaty rights of Indian people to hunt and fish. The state's offer of this reward does not recognize federal judicial decisions that Indians have a right to kill birds, including eagles, for sincere religious reasons. The history of uses of eagle feathers among some tribes, long predates the designation by the federal government of the bald eagle as the national bird, or the designation by the state government of the scissortail as the state bird.

Even the Migratory Bird Treaty, which controls the hunting of migratory water fowl, exempts (in the treaty itself) those native people who hunt birds for food or clothing.

The battle for Indian rights to hunt, fish and gather wild plants is not over. To the contrary, in Oklahoma, it has just begun.

ROBERT TREPP
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Creek Enrollment

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SARA FROMAN, AGE 6, AND BECKY FROMAN, AGE 8, RECENTLY WON 1ST PLACE IN BASE RUNNING in the age six and under and 7-8 year brackets at the State Indian Women's Softball Tournament held in Oklahoma City. The girls attend Morris Elementary School, where Sara will begin first grade and Becky will be in the fourth this fall. At the school's track meet last May, Sara won 1st place in the co-ed 40 yd. dash. Becky played softball this summer with Dr. Lewis' Pills in the Dewar Little league. Sara and Becky are the daughters of Jean Froman, Morris, and Ron Froman, Tahlequah. Ron is the Executive Director of Creek Nation Housing Authority. Their grandmother is Della Mae Beaver, Morris.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Second son, Zachary Samuel Checotah, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Checotah of Macon, Ga., July 24, 1982. Their first son Shondae was born June 20, 1973, the first Creek to be born in Georgia since the removal of the Muscogee Tribe to the West.

Ben is the great-great-grandson of Chief Samuel Checotah.

Grandparents are Tom Checotah of Muskogee, and Juanita Checotah of Okmulgee.

OBITUARY

SANAH Y. MARSHALL

Sanah Y. Marshall, 56, Wetumka, died July 6 at Hillcrest Hospital in Tulsa.

Marshall was born August 13, 1926 in Wetumka. She was the daughter of Sam and Mary Yargee.

Survivors include two daughters, Norma Marshall and Kathy Marshall. She is survived by sons, Victor and Preston, all of the Wetumka home.

Survivors include brothers John and Phillip Yargee of Holdenville and a step-brother, Mose Scott of Okemah.

She is also survived by three sisters, Jameiga McGirt, Jeanette Tiger and Minnie Wesley all of Wetumka.

Services were conducted at the Wetumka Indian Baptist Church with Rev. Mose Scott and Rev. Martin Givins officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Seminole Princess Contestants Sought

The Seminole Nation Princess, Gina Burgess, would like to extend an invitation to all Seminole girls between the ages of 17-21, to enter the Seminole Princess Pageant during the Seminole Nation Days, September 10, 11, 12.

QUALIFICATIONS:

1/4 or more Seminole Blood
Not enrolled in another tribe
Never been Married
No dependents
17 to 21 years old
(must be 18 by April 1983)

Judging will be based on: An essay of 300 words or less, Indian Characteristics, Scholastic Achievements, Knowledge of Seminole History, Tribal Dress, Modern/Traditional Talents, Appearance, Poise, Dedication to the Indian People.

Any girl who has entered in part pageants and meet the above requirements are encouraged to enter this pageant. Also, this will be the only category. The Jr. Miss and Little Miss Seminole have been eliminated due to lack of money for the pageant.

Application taking will begin July 26 through August 20. To enter or for more information about the pageant, contact Gina Burgess or Joann Patton at the Seminole Nation Tribal Complex, P.O. Box 745, Wewoka OK 74884 or call 405/267-6291.

The American Indian Talent Society (AITS), Inc. is compiling names of American Indian people who are in the cultural, performing, literary, music, visual and fine arts; media entertainment field and other creative endeavors. The Society plans to put together a directory of Indian talent. For a brochure, write to the American Indian Talent Society, P.O. Box 27013, Minneapolis, MN 55427.

Emergency Aid Guidelines Set By C.N. Council

A guideline for emergency aid was passed by ordinance (NCA 82-47) by the National Council at their July 31 meeting, reported Steve Wilson, manager of Creek Nation Community Development Program.

In order to receive funds from Creek Nation for emergencies, one of the following situations must have occurred:

- (1) A death in the family.
- (2) A disaster (e.g., tornado, flood or fire).
- (3) A sudden loss of family income due to sickness or disability which is documented in writing.
- (4) Medicine for eligible tribal members who are 55 or older.
- (5) Emergency requiring gasoline.

Tribal members wanting assistance for any of the above reasons should contact Steve Wilson, 756-8700.



William Luster Martin

Administrator Hired For C.N. Hospital

William Luster Martin of Crowder, has been named as the new hospital administrator for the Creek Nation Community Hospital in Okemah. He is replacing Don Jackson who resigned in June.

Martin, born in Amarillo, Texas, received a B.S. degree in Health Care Administration from Southern Illinois University this year and an Associate degree in Nursing in 1975 from Eastern Oklahoma State College. He got most of his nursing and hospital administration experience while serving in the Navy for the last eight years.

Martin and his family will be relocating to Okemah soon to be closer to the hospital. About his new position, Martin said, "My primary concerns are with the professional services needed to care for hospital patients and also with matters of business and office operation, personnel management, public relations, purchasing, maintenance and housekeeping."



Chief Cox Urges Creeks To Vote In Local Elections

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many tribal members and friends who contributed their time to the success of our annual Creek Indian Rodeo and Creek Festival. The committees and their chairmen, the many volunteers, the princesses, the sport teams, the parade entries, and of course the community food booths--all contributed to the best festival week to date in the Creek Nation.

Your tribal government is continuing its hard work to improve and increase the services our residents receive. The new commodity distribution program should be delivering food packages to the rural communities and their eligible families before October 1. The Nation's contracts to perform the duties of the BIA Okmulgee Agency should be in effect in November. Similar contracts to operate the IHS clinics at Sapulpa, Eufaula and Okemah should be in effect in October. Each of these are chances to provide improved services to the Indian residents of the Muscogee Nation.

Participation in tribal government is important. Those of you who participate in your local Indian Parent Committees, your community organizations, and who attend the meetings of the Muscogee National Council (on the last Saturday in every month) know how good it feels to be informed, to have your opinions heard, and to participate in the making of tribal decisions.

But it is also important to participate in state and local elections. As the August 24, 1982, primary elections approach, it is essential that every Muscogee Indian register to vote in state elections. The registration deadline in every County Election Board office (at the county courthouse) is August 13. If you are already registered for federal elections, you do not need to register again. If you miss the August 13 registration deadline, registration for state election will open again on August 28.

Many Muscogee Indians are already active in state government, such as State Senator Bob Miller of Okmulgee and McIntosh counties. Several more are running for office this year, such as Greg Stidham filing for District Attorney in Okmulgee and McIntosh counties, and Bill Foster running for State Senate from Creek and Okfuskee counties.

Every election is important, from your local school board to the federal elections. The Creek Indians in this area have a unique chance to influence the outcome of almost every election held. While we are not a majority of the population, and therefore cannot elect every candidate ourselves, we are still a large enough group of voters that unity on our part can swing an election from one candidate to another. The more Muscogee Indians become officials of the State of Oklahoma, the more state employees will be willing to listen to Indian people on important subjects such as social services, hunting and fishing, water rights, and tribal taxation.

So register (by August 13) and vote (on August 24). It is your duty as an Oklahoma citizen, and your right as a United States citizen, to participate in every election that affects your community.

Bill Foster (Creek) Expects To Win Senate

One of the most active Creek Indians in state politics, Bill Foster of Oilton (Creek District) has filed for Oklahoma State Senate District 12, which includes all of Creek District and the north part of Okfuskee/Seminole District of the Muscogee Nation.

Presently serving as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the Muscogee Nation (the court of appeals of our tribe, a position which requires nomination by the Principal Chief and confirmation by Ordinance of the National Council), Foster has a long experience in serving the government of the State of Oklahoma.

From 1972-74, Foster was State Representative from District 69 in Tulsa District to the Oklahoma House of Representatives, where he served on the Committee on Higher Education, the Committee on Public Service Corporations, and upon the Executive Council.

Following this term in the State House, Foster served then Governor David Boren as Administrative Assistant for Human Resources, working with labor related agencies, commissions and regulatory boards.

In November of 1975, Governor Boren appointed Foster to be the

Oklahoma Commissioner of Labor, a position Foster served in for four years.

In 1979, Foster returned to his work as owner and manager of Foster and Associates, a tax and investment consulting firm in Tulsa. In 1980, Foster accepted his current appointment to the Muscogee Supreme Court.

Foster's work experience prior to becoming active in politics included two years with Boeing Aircraft in Wichita, and eleven years with Public Service Company of Oklahoma in Tulsa.

Foster's many volunteer activities have included: Adviser to Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped; Member of Advisory Council for the Southwest Center for Human Relations Studies; Member of the Advisory Council for the Oklahoma City Minority Contractor's Association; Co-Chairman of Labor Committee, Oklahoma Energy Awareness and Conservation; Member of the Oklahoma Industrial Advisory Council; Member of Volunteers in Corrections; Member of the State Manpower Services Council; and many other activities as well.

Pledging to be a full time state

senator for the people of his district, Foster has stated "The highest priority of government should be to assure every individual the opportunity of productive labor and insure the health, safety and education of all it's citizens ... each being equally protected under it's laws."

Foster and his wife Wanda (a Teacher) make their home near Silver City, west of Mannford, in Creek District of the Muscogee Nation.

The Democratic Primary Election for Oklahoma State Senate District 12 will be held August 24, 1982, by the state election authorities. Foster is opposed by John Young of Sapulpa, the incumbent.

CREEK NATION HEAD START ENROLLING

The Creek Nation Head Start, 800 Forrest Ave., Eufaula, still have openings for the fall semester for low-income three and four year old children. These slots are filling up fast, so come on up and enroll in a very pleasant and fun-filled educational setting. There's always lots to do and even a surprise or two. For more information, call Raylene Stafford at 689-5613.



MARTHA AND WEBSTER CHALAKEE, OKMULGEE, RECENTLY CELEBRATED THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY with a luncheon for their guests at the Tribal Complex. Hosting the occasion were their children: Virginia Kolakoski, Barbara Davis, Thelma Harjo, Stella Harjo, Billy Chalakee, Tommy Chalakee, Bunky Chalakee, Margie Fleener, Sharon Tyndell, and Donna Chalakee.

Commodity Distribution Points

(See Story On Front Page)

Commodities will be delivered to the following communities every two weeks. At this time, actual delivery location sites have not been determined, due to specific requirements in the program's regulations. Before actual distribution date, communities will be notified of specific locations where they can make application and pick up food packages.

NORTH	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	NORTH	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
OKEMAH	●			MORRIS			●
MASON	●			TWIN HILLS		●	
BRISTOW		●		COWETA	●		
KELLYVILLE		●		HASKELL	●		
GLENPOOL			●				
DUCK CREEK			●				
DEPEW	●						
GYPSY	●						
SOUTH	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	SOUTH	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.
H'VILLE	●			HANNA		●	
NUYAKA	●			EUFAULA	●		
WETUMKA		●		CHECOTAH	●		
WELEETKA		●		RYAL		●	
YEAGER	●			HITCHITA			●
WILSON	●			DEWAR			●
OKFUSKEE		●					
BIGHAM			●				

Michael Johnson Interns With Senator

Michael Christopher Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh C. Johnson of Oklahoma City, has completed a 10 week intership with Oklahoma Sen. Don Nickles in Washington, D.C.

Johnson's responsibilities as an intern were assisting in business and economic legislation along with attending seminars hosted by various diplomats.

Johnson, a University of Oklahoma junior majoring in finance pre-law, recently was chosen for the prestigious "Ewing Scholarship". The award is based upon outstanding academic achievement and campus involvement.

While at OU, Johnson was selected for both Top Ten Freshman and Top Ten Sophomore. He also participated in Student Congress and was on the Ways and Mean Committee of UOSA.

Other activities include: president's honor roll, national dean's honor roll, Model United Nations, Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity, Alph Lambda Delta and Phi Eta Sigma, a freshman honorary society.

Johnson is a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and attends McFarlin Memorial United Methodist Church.

Chris' father is the Director of Indian Programs for Housing and Urban Development in Oklahoma City.

Echoes From Arbeka Ceremonial Grounds

By Eliza Hicks

The latter half of July was a busy time for us here at Arbeka. Most of the campers moved into their quarters on the 17th in preparation for the annual Busketa, or Green Corn Ceremonials which began on the 23rd. The greater part of the week was spent cleaning the grounds, which meant the noise of chain saws, power mowers, and brush hog—a far cry from our ancestors who pulled weeds by hand and used an occasional hoe. One thing which has carried over these many, many years from the olden days is the feeling of good will and anticipation of the Green Corn festivities.

Early on the 23rd, the men began the tradition by putting fresh green brush on the ceremonial arbors and late in the afternoon the women performed the colorful Ribbon Dance. The Green Corn Dance itself was held Saturday night and we appreciate the support given by other Grounds. On both days the air was filled with the aroma of wood-fire smoke and food cooking which is an unbeatable combination any place. The campers enjoyed the fellowship with one another and with the many visitors who are always welcome.

On the 31st, an archery contest sponsored by Yahola Artussee was held here and contestants came from Apache, Chickasha, Holdenville, Konawa, Midwest City, Okemah, Shawnee and locally. The four winner were: 1st-Carl Jack Harjo, Konawa, \$75.; 2nd-Robert Hicks, Shawnee, \$50; 3rd-Clyde Old Bear, Shawnee, \$35; 4th-Van Taryole, Okemah, \$25. Even though CarneySaupitty, Sr., Apache, didn't place in the shoot, he was smiling when he left with the basket of groceries he won in the raffle. Although there were only fifteen entries, we hope this beginning will spark an interest in future events held here. Everyone enjoyed the contest and the tacos.

Fannie Reece Listed On Dean's Honor Roll

Fannie Reece has been listed on the Dean's Honor Roll at Hutchinson Community Junior College, Hutchinson, Ks. with a G.P.A. of 3.625. Fannie has completed her freshman year at the college where she is majoring in English and Art.

Two of Fannie's poems were in the August, 1980, issue of the Muscogee Nation News. "An Udying Soul" was in reference to her deceased grandfather, Rev. John Chalakee.

Fannie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reece, Moscow, Ks. Mrs. Reece is the former Martha Jane Chalakee. Her grandmother is Fannie Chalakee of Coweta.

Arbeka members will have a Yard sale of miscellaneous items on August 20th and 21st on the grounds, so all you thrifty Indians come look for bargains. They might be here. Also, on the 21st Robert Hicks will sponsor another archery contest to be held here. There will be an Adult class and a youth class (13 and under). Only bows with no attachments will be allowed. Trophies will be awarded and entry fee is \$5.00. For more information, call 1-405-273-1167 or 1-918-652-07795. After the contest there will be jackpot shooting, everyone is welcome.



Howard Reece

Howard Reece Awarded Football Scholarship

Howard Reece, Creek student recently graduated from Moscow Kansas high school has received a football scholarship from Pratt Junior College. While in high school, Howard received three sports medals and an all-around sports medal.

He won the regional discus event at Bucklin, Ks., with a distance of 147 ft. advancing to state competition. He also placed second in the shot at the regional meet advancing into the finals of the Class 1A shot at Wichita State, where he finished third.

Howard also has received both first and second Divison Awards in the Speech and Drama Festival.

Howard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Reece and the grandson of the late Reverend John Chalakee and Mrs. Fannie Chalakee of Coweta.

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Creek New Testament Now Available

The Muscogee (Creek) language New Testament has been printed by the Indian University Press of Bacone College and will be on the market August 23. This is the first New Testament Concordance printed in an American Indian language. To order a copy of the concordance, send \$15 to: **Indian University Press, Bacone College, Muskogee OK 74401, ATTENTION: Lisa Johnson, Assistant Director. Postage is included in the price of the book.**

Book Review

THE POLITICS OF INDIAN REMOVAL: Creek Government and Society in Crisis

Michael D. Green. University of Nebraska Press: 1982

The Muscogee Nation received a copy of "The Politics of Indian Removal" inscribed: "To the people of the Creek Nation with much respect", signed Michael D. Green. The following review was submitted by Robert Trepp, Director of Creek Nation Government Policy and Research Department.

The problems of non-Indian historians in researching the internal workings of tribal governments are often so insurmountable that one such historian, David Corkran, defended his concentration upon Creek-White relations by describing Indian history as being defined by the "frontier" of contact between the tribes and the colonies.

In his first full-length work on Muscogee history, Michael D. Green has proven that he has the ability and patience to bring his study of internal Creek politics to an understandable, readable and complete record of the major controversies in the Muscogee Nation prior to the final stages of the forced removal from Alabama.

Green's introductory remarks on Muscogee culture provide no new information either to the tribal member or to the student of Muscogee history: it is his perspective and understanding which give otherwise ordinary facts a rich color and depth. Green, in some ways, seems to have absorbed sufficient quantities of Muscogee idealism and philosophy that, when tribal leaders are outraged, Green, as an author also seems outraged. Time and time again, as the tribe is in conflict with the authorities of the colonies, and the later state governments, Green defends the tribal arguments, and repeatedly relates the philosophy or position of the tribal government to the needs and wants of its citizens.

On the other hand, just because Green defends the Muscogee Nation generally, he does not always defend the actions of tribal leaders. Green's approach is balanced and comprehensive: he examines all the facts in an issue and draws his own conclusions based upon that record.

Thus, one Chief of the Upper Towns is shown to favor his relatives and friends to the exclusion of nearby towns; another Upper Town Chief is shown to accumulate wealth, slaves and property by abuse of his position; and the financial interests of a Lower Town speaker and town king are exposed clearly for all to understand.

Green does not relate these facts in order to smear family names of the descendants of these officers: he is showing that every tribal official has a strict responsibility to his constituents. In a way, he is warning each of us that our own actions as present or future tribal leaders will one day have to come under the microscope of an historian, and that the only way to insure that our family names remain honored is to uphold those high standards which the Muscogee people have always applied to their tribal leaders. The way Michael Green has looked at these formative years of Muscogee government is similar to the way that each of us should study the recent past as well as the present.

One theme recurs throughout this book: the development of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council as an institution of centralized government gradually supplanting the previous roles of the clans and town councils, and the resulting feeling of belonging to a town and to a clan. As one of the most important times in the development of our tribal government, this era is clearly described by Green with much emphasis upon institutions and little emphasis upon personalities. He is quick to point out when factionalism and divisiveness, no matter their original goal, only served to weaken the tribal government during its critical struggle with the United States for its land in Georgia and Alabama.

"The Politics of Indian Removal: Creek Government and Society in Crisis" is highly recommended for students and adults. It is interesting reading on an otherwise poorly documented but important period of our history.



PAUL TIGER (L) AND JAMES FLOYD HAVE BEEN HIRED AS MANAGERS OF TWO C.N. PROGRAMS. Tiger will head up the new commodity program and Floyd will assume manager's responsibilities over the C.N. Health Care Services, which include C.H.R.'s, Mobile Clinic, specialty care at C.N. Community Hospital, and the soon to be contracted health clinics at Eufaula, Sapulpa and Okemah.

Creeks Hired In Manager Positions

Paul Tiger, previous acting manager of Creek Nation Health Services, has been advanced to the position of Manager of the new Creek Nation Commodity Program.

The announcement came from the Office of the Principal Chief. Paul has been employed at Creek Nation for a year. Before the acting manager's position, he was in charge of the Elderly Nutrition Program.

He applied for the new position and was selected on the basis of his previous work record at Creek Nation, said Chief Cox.

Paul is a graduate of East Central State, Ada, with a B.S. in History and Sociology. He states his ambition is the advancement and development of education for Indian people.

Another recent position to be filled is that of Manager of Health Services.

James Floyd was named in the position. James worked for Creek Nation until a year ago when he decided to further his education at N.S.U., Tahlequah. James recently received a B.S. degree in Administration of Allied Health. He and his wife, Carol a teacher in the Checotah Public Schools, reside near Eufaula.

James' parents are Joe and Maragret Floyd of Eufaula.



Wind Continued . . .

hour, an automatic switch cuts power from the generator into our conventional electrical system. This will supplement power from PSO and reduce our monthly utility bill.

Lake Region Wind Systems of Muskogee installed the tower and the generator at a total approximate cost of \$10,000.

The tower stands next to the "Mound Building" on the Tribal Complex. The design of the Mound is patterned after an ancient mound build by Creeks in Georgia centuries ago. The energy efficient Mound, together with the new wind generator, is showing the Creek Nation to be a very energy conscious tribe.

Paralegal Position Filled By Jeff Standingbear

Jeff Standingbear (Osage/Oglala Sioux/Creek) has been hired by the Muscogee Nation as a Paralegal. Jeff will assist in the implementation of the Other Rights Protection contract from the BIA, which provides services to restricted Muscogee (Creek) Indians in the identifications and recovery of restricted property.

Jeff is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, and of the University of Tulsa College of Law. He has served the Oklahoma City Native American Center as an Attorney, and had recently been in private legal practice in Norman Oklahoma.

Standingbear is familiar with the government and people of the Muscogee Nation. He served as a research intern during the summer of 1977 with the tribal research program. Jeff's mother Barbara Hogue of Tulsa, is an enrolled member of the Muscogee Nation.

Principal Chief Cox is considering a recommendation that the current position of Paralegal be upgraded to an Attorney position. A contract will be negotiated with Mr. Standingbear and submitted to the Muscogee National Council and the BIA for approval.

Persons who had cases with the Rights Protection program for research should call or visit Mr. Standingbear to explain their case to him.

C.N. Council Meets With C.N. Housing

Invocation: Reverend Jonas Partridge

Call To Order: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker called the meeting to order promptly at 7:30 P.M., informing the Council and the Creek Citizens in attendance that this was a public hearing on the Allocation of the Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma for Program Reservation and for Preliminary Loan for Mutual Help Housing.

Roll Call: The speaker called the roll for the National Council. A quorum was declared with eight members present: Helen Chupco, Clarence Cloud, Andy Bible, Carney Roberts, Nelson Johnson, Kenneth L. Childers, Richard Larney, and Thomas McIntosh. The Speaker turned the meeting over to the Creek Nation Housing Authority to conduct the Public Hearing. Mr. Froman, Director of the Creek Nation Housing Authority called on the Chairman of the Creek Nation Housing Authority for the Roll Call. The Secretary called the roll and a quorum was declared with four members being present: George Farris, Jonas Partridge, Eliza Hicks and Tony Hale. One member was absent, Jonas Dunson. Mr. Froman advised the Council and those in attendance that Mr. Jonas Dunson was unable to attend because he was out of state on personal business, and that if it were at all possible he would have been present. Mr. Froman requested that this statement be reflected on the records.

Mr. Froman advised those in attendance that the purpose of this hearing is being conducted in pursuant to the Oklahoma State Law which requires the governing body of the Public Housing units of Oklahoma to make application for housing pursuant to that act to hold and conduct a public hearing, at which time allowing those people who would and could speak in favor of endorsing the housing projects an opportunity to do so. This meeting had originally been scheduled for another type of housing meeting, however due to the time frame conflict we thought that we would take this opportunity to hold a public hearing.

We met a year ago with the Council at which time they passed an authorization for the authority to submit an application for 200 units and out of the 200 units we have used 75 due to the fact that was all that we had been funded for. This all came about from the action taken from the Council a year ago. This left a balance of 125 units, and the HUD office in Oklahoma City met with us several weeks ago and told us to submit an additional application for an additional 75 units. After much discussion HUD said, "why don't we just double it, that way we'll have an outstanding balance of 250 units, in this case." This does not necessarily mean that we will be receiving 250 units, I want this clearly understood now. If we should happen to receive any houses it will be between zero and 250 units. As you have been reading in the papers, those funds have been tied up in a budget resolution and so forth, but we're hoping to get those freed up soon and hopefully we will be able to get those out of it.

A basic assumption is that we will be receiving here at the tribe 125 to 200; somewhere in that neighborhood, and that may all come to nothing and may not come to pass, but regardless it would seem to me that if they told us to go ahead and act on this particular order something may come of it, and if we are to conduct business properly we need to act on this order.

If any one wishes to ask questions or make any statements the floor is open.

Question: I would like to know what the requirements are, how many hours and how much money we would have to pay to get into these houses. For instances, if I got a water meter and I pay for it, how and will I be reimbursed for it? I would like to know all of this just in case we get our house? **Answer:** We have called a meeting just to discuss this matter and after the conclusion of this public hearing we will be able to answer all of these questions. I'm not trying to kick out any question, but we will get to those kind as soon as the next session begins.

Richard Larney: Are these going to have garages or carports? **Answer:** No, the only ones we will have in that nature is the one that we have advertised now and these will be the recipients after that the units that we will be building are three bedroom and are limited to 925 sq. feet, there will be no car ports, and no garages, and in addition to that, there will be no ranges or refrigerators, this will be the last bunch that we will do that way. Several questions were asked by the Council members. At the conclusion of the public hearing, Mr. Froman turned the meeting over to the speaker of the National Council. The Speaker called on Robert Trepp to read **NCA 82-43 an Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation approving the application of the Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma for Program reservation and for Preliminary loan for Mutual Help Housing. Section 101.** Findings. The National Council finds that: **A.** It is the policy of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation to eliminate substandard and other inadequate housing for its members, and to realize as soon as feasible the goal of a decent home in a suitable living environment for all its members. **B.** Under the provisions of the United States Housing Act of 1937, the Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to provide financial assistance to local public housing agencies for undertaking and carrying out preliminary planning of the mutual help housing projects that will assist in meeting this goal. **C.** The Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma is a public housing agency and has advised the Muscogee (Creek) National Council (legislative component of the governing body of the Muscogee Nation) that it is applying to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program reservation for mutual help housing. **D.** A public hearing has jointly been held on June 22, 1982, by the Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma and the Muscogee (Creek) National Council to consider the need to develop and construct mutual help housing in order to determine the local need for mutual help housing to meet the needs not being adequately met by private enterprise. **E.** The Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma has advised the Muscogee (Creek) National Council of the need to apply for a preliminary loan to cover the cost of surveys and planning in connection with the development of the mutual help low-income housing. **Section 102. Results of Public Hearing.** Following the public hearing held on June 22, 1982, described in Section 101 (D), the National Council declares the following results: **A.** There exists in the operating area of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation a need for mutual help housing with in the means of low income families. **B.** It is the public interest to undertake the development of and construction of 125 mutual help housing units under five (5) separate applications, as follows: 1) five applications for twenty-five units each. **Section 103.** The Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma is hereby authorized to make application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for a program reservation for the development and construction of 125 mutual help housing projects, not to exceed 125 dwelling units. **Section 104.** The Housing Authority of the Creek Nation of Oklahoma is hereby authorized to make application for preliminary loan in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 per unit for surveys and planning in connection with the development of 125 mutual help housing projects not to exceed 125 dwelling units. Ordinance having been read the chair entertain a motion. Johnson made a motion to approve NCA 82-43 as read. Cloud seconded the motion. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, no abstentions, none against. Chupco made a motion to place an Ordinance NCA 82-41 entitled as an "Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Establishing Procedures for the Expenditures of Funds Appropriated to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council" on

the agenda for consideration. Roberts seconded the motion. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, no abstentions, none against.

An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Establishing Procedures for the Expenditures of Funds Appropriated to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Section 101. Any person holding an office of representative of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council except the Speaker is hereby authorized to recommend the expenditure funds appropriated to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. **Section 102.** Expenditures recommended by the representative shall be presented to the office of the administration for report on whether the recommended expenditures is allowable or unallowable whether the correct line item is charged and the balance remaining in that line item prior to the receipt of recommendation. **Section 103.** Reports by the Office of the Administration shall be reported to the Speaker. **Section 104.** The Speaker shall have the authority to approve or disapprove the recommended expenditures based upon the information received from the Office of the Administration. **Section 105.** The expenditures approved by the Speaker shall be forwarded to the controller of the Muscogee Nation for disposition according to tribal policy and its procedures. **Section 106.** The expenditures which are disapproved by the Speaker may be appealed to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council which may overrule the Speaker by majority vote. Expenditures approved by the National Council under this section shall forwarded by the Speaker to the controller. **Section 107.** Effective Date (a) for Fiscal year 1982 Revenue Sharing Funds appropriated to the National Council contingency funds, this ordinance shall become effective immediately (b) For all other funds hereto for or hereafter appropriated to the use of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council this ordinance shall become effective upon October 1, 1982.

National Council Minutes, June 26, 1982

Invocation: Helen Chupco. Call to Order: Kenneth L. Childers, Speaker, Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Roll Call: Helen Chupco, Thomas McIntosh, Carney Roberts, Andy Bible, Richard Larney, Nelson Johnson, Kenneth L. Childers, and Clarence Cloud. With eight members being present, a quorum was constituted and it was declared that any and all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and all would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

Introduction of Special Guest: The Speaker introduced Alice King, Creek Nation Princess. She expressed her happiness over becoming the 1982 Creek Princess and stated that she would be very happy to represent the Creek Nation for the next year.

Reading of Minutes: The minutes were mailed prior to this meeting. The Chair entertained a motion to approve or disapprove the Minutes of May 29, 1982. Before a motion was made, Chupco made several recommended corrections. Larney made a motion to approve the May 29, 1982 minutes as corrected. Johnson seconded the motion for approval. A motion duly made, and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, no abstentions, none against.

Order of Business:

Old Business: None

New Business: Ordinances.

NCA 82-39 An Ordinance requesting U.S. Senator Don Nickles to Sponsor the Indian Housing Act of 1982. The Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** Findings. The National Council finds that: **A.** The Muscogee people have a need for the opportunity to participate in a program which replaces substandard housing units or rehabilitates inadequate housing units. This need is reflected by over 800 pending applications to participate in the Mutual Help Housing Programs. **B.** A bill has been drafted which would provide a revised Indian Housing Program through the Department of the Interior consisting of Housing Rehabilitation, new construction, and loan guarantees. **C.** This bill known as the "Indian Housing Act of 1982" will provide meaningful opportunities for Muscogee people to participate in the component of the program most applicable to their needs. **D.** In order to secure passage of this important legislation, strong leadership is needed in the form of a sponsor whose commitment to fiscal responsibility is unquestioned. **Section 102.** The Muscogee Nation requests Senator Don Nickles of Oklahoma to Sponsor the Indian Housing Act of 1982 in the U.S. Senate. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Chupco to approve NCA 82-39 as read. Larney seconded the motion for approval. A roll call vote was taken with the result being: Seven in favor, no abstentions, none against.

NCA 82-40. An Ordinance Consenting to the Consolidation of Okmulgee Agency Program Activities for the Purpose of Tribal Contracts. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The 1982 Tribal Contracts Ordinance, NCA 81-62, is hereby amended at Section 153 (A) (1) (a), as follows. Following the phrase "Forestry", insert the phrase "(including Farm Land Improvement)". **Section 102.** The 1982 Tribal Contracts Ordinance, NCA 82-38, is hereby amended at Section 153 (A) (1) (a) as follows: Following the phrase "Aid to Tribal Government", insert the phrase "(including Law Enforcement)". The ordinance having been read the Chair entertained a motion. Larney made a motion to approve NCA 82-40 as read. Roberts seconded the motion for approval. With a motion having been made and seconded a Roll Call Vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, no abstentions, none against. Motion carried.

NCA 82-41. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Establishing Procedures for the Expenditure of Funds Appropriated to the Muscogee (Creek) National Council. This ordinance was discussed in a June 22, 1982 Special Meeting, at which time it was postponed and also discussed in the Planning Session of the same night and prior to this meeting. Ordinance was not read, however the Chair entertained a motion. Larney made a motion to table this Ordinance. Johnson seconded the motion. A motion having been duly made, and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Chupco, yea; Bible, yea; Johnson, yea; Roberts, yea; Larney, yea; McIntosh, no; Cloud, yea. Motion carried.

NCA 82-42. An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Approving the 1982 Contract Proposal for BIA Okmulgee Agency Minerals and Mining. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The 1982 Tribal Contracts Ordinance, NCA 81-62, as amended, is hereby further amended at Section 153 (A) (1) (a), by adding a new line, as follows: "Minerals and Mining" **Section 102.** The above proposal having been approved by the Muscogee (Creek) National Council, the Principal Chief is directed to implement said contract upon receipt according to the provisions of the 1982 Tribal Contracts Ordinance. The Ordinance having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Roberts to approve NCA 82-42. Chupco seconded the motion. A motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion Carried.

Items for Consideration: None

Reports, Hearings, Etc.: None

Other Business: A Planning Session date was set for July 14, 1982 beginning at 6:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers in the Mound Building. **Benediction:** Alice King. **Adjournment:** Motion by McIntosh and seconded by Johnson to adjourn this meeting. Upon a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned.

Indians Into Business . . .

Within the past few years, many Indian tribes have come to realize their "financial freedom" will come about only through economic ventures. Now, across the United States we learn of tribes going into some sort of business or another.

After years of battling for tribal recognition, most tribes have survived, a little scarred, but still able to stand and plan for the future. Many obstacles stood in the way. Most recently, the federal cutback on much needed services for Indian people hit most tribes hard. With any tribal government, services to tribal members and

employment are the number one objectives.

In order for these services to continue on a full scale, tribes must now be able to finance either all or a portion of their service programs. One way of doing this is economic endeavors by progressive minded tribal leadership.

The Creek tribe has secured the health service future for tribal members by opening Creek Nation Community Hospital. The Creek Nation Agri-Business project will eventually provide income to tribal government. Presently, all profits are being invested back into the

Agri-Business operation. In addition, the Agri-Business is providing employment for Creek Nation citizenry.

The Creek Nation Grocery is a pilot project to determine the feasibility of opening other grocery stores throughout Creek Nation. It

is hoped that one day Creek Nation will be completely self sufficient to provide services and employment for each tribal member. Through strong, productive leadership and involvement of tribal members in supportive manner, this goal can be achieved.

American Indian National Bank Schedules Economic Seminar In Tulsa

The American Indian National Bank announced that on August 17, a Regional Economic Development Seminar will be held for the benefit of Oklahoma Tribes and enterprises at the Native American Coalition in Tulsa. Covered under the session will be a follow-up of the Bank's national economic seminar held in Denver last March.

Featured in the general session in Tulsa will be a summary of financing tribal economic development through the assignment of lease income, and contract and grant financing. Also included will be the availability of funds in 1982 under the Indian Finance Act for loans guaranteed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Representatives from several successful Oklahoma tribal enterprises will hold a panel discussion to discuss their progress and experience in financing economic and enterprise development. A panel discussion also will be held on investment and cash management and bank officials and directors will hold individual sessions to assist the tribes in resolving their problems in economic development and cash and investment.

Pueblo Tribe Own/Operate Insurance Co.

The Pueblo Insurance Agency, launched in 1980 with each of the 18 Pueblo tribes owning 100 shares of stock, now handles about 40 percent of all Indian insurance business in the state of New Mexico, according to a report in the Pueblo News.

It does business with the Pueblos, Navajos, Hopis and some organizations in Oklahoma. It is an independent agency, not limited to selling for one insurance company. The companies it represents are all rated A or A-plus by the insurance industry. They include: Guardian Life Insurance Company of America, Bankers Life Insurance of Iowa, Kentucky Central, Colonial Life, American Life and Casualty.

The agency offers group medical insurance, group life, individual life, homeowners, auto insurance, major property and casualty. Persons interested in learning more about the agency should contact Daryl Wilson or Allen Zuni, 2025 San Mateo, N.E., Albuquerque, N.M. 87110 (505/265-3484).

575 Oklahoma Indian Owned Businesses Listed In Minority Business Development

The Minority Business Development Administration (MBDA), an agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce, has identified 5,679 American Indians and Alaskan Native businesses throughout the United States.

More than 1,400 of these firms are operated by Alaskan Natives. The geographical distribution shows California with 645; Oklahoma 575; North Carolina 446; Texas 270; and Arizona 205. Other states with more than 100 Indian businesses listed are New Mexico, Washington, and Wisconsin.

Additional data on the Indian business can be obtained by contacting the Minority Business Development Administration, Main Commerce Building, Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 377-5061.

APACHE TRIBE OPENS TIRE COMPANY . . .

A new tribal enterprise has been started by the White Mountain Apache Tribe. It is the Apache Enterprise Tire Company. The "Fort Apache Scout" announced the new business in its July 9 issue. Ken Hart, Tribal Enterprise Manager, said he investigated the need for tires on the reservation—including some of the giant-sized ones used by the tribal timber company. He said that setting up the tire company coincides with the tribe's master plan and will enhance both the economics and living standard of all tribal members. The tire company is expected to save tribal members 20 percent on the regular retail price of tires.

WARM SPRINGS HYDROELECTRIC PLANT DEDICATED . . .

The Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation in Oregon dedicated a new, \$30 million hydroelectric plant July 15. The plant, financed with \$10 million in tribal funds, \$15 million raised by a state bond issue and about \$5 million federal loan, is expected to bring annual net revenues of about \$4 million to the tribes. President Reagan said in a telegram read at the dedication ceremonies, "Your achievement illustrates why my administration endorses and maintains the policy of Indian self determination. You are doing a more effective job of managing your reservation affairs than the federal government could have hoped to do." Interior Assistant Secretary, Ken Smith, former general manager of the tribes, pulled a lever ceremonially initiating the generating of electricity. Smith complimented the tribe and its leaders, and also the state and local governments of the area. "The state is to be complimented for helping to create an atmosphere where Indians and non-Indians share in the fruits of their labors. We are not separate in this State; we are all neighbors." Smith also noted that if the tribe had chosen a per-capita distribution of the \$10 million base capital, there would be no annual revenues coming in. He added, "The formula on judgement funds of only 20 percent going to tribal programs while 80 percent is given to per-capita payments is being turned around. Some tribes are reversing that percentage and putting 80 percent or more into tribal programs. I am glad to see that Warm Springs is on the right track."

HIGH STAKE BINGO ON SIOUX RESERVATION . . .

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Tribe has signed a contract to bring big-time, high stakes bingo to its small reservation outside of Minneapolis-St. Paul. A report in the "Minneapolis Star and Tribune" said the opening of the tribe's bingo palace is scheduled for this September. The \$1 million prefabricated building is designed to accommodate up to 1,400 bingo players, seeking prizes in the thousands of dollars. Norman Crooks, tribal chairman, said the bingo program will be patterned after one of the contracting companies now running on the Seminole Reservation in Florida. Crooks said that he was told the Seminoles netted \$2 million during their first year of operation. The New England Entertainment Company has a 15-year contract with the tribe to manage the operation. After the company recovers its investment, it will divide the profits with the tribe, with the tribe getting 55 percent. Minnesota, like Florida, allows bingo games to be run by such non-profit organizations as churches, veterans' clubs and fraternal groups. Florida lost a lawsuit to stop the Seminoles' bingo operation.

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR INDIANS . . .

A White House conference to bring Indian leaders and certain corporation representatives together to discuss economic development and the creation of jobs on Indian reservations is tentatively scheduled for late August. Presidential Assistant Morton Blackwell, from the office of public liaison is organizing the meeting. According to Blackwell's office, the meeting will be by invitation. About 50 Indians: tribal chairmen, representatives of Indian organizations and other prominent Indians, will be asked to meet with a similar number of representatives of corporations either presently operating on reservations or interested in the possibility. White House representatives will function only as catalyst for dialogue between the two groups. Whether President Reagan would be on the program is not known, but a possibility.

TRIBAL GOVERNMENT TAX STATUS ACT RECEIVES SUPPORT

A bill to give tribal governments the same tax advantages currently enjoyed by other governments in the United States, including state, county and municipal governments, received support from the Interior and Treasury Departments July 19. Testifying before the Senate Subcommittee on Taxation and Debt Management, Deputy Assistant Secretary Roy Sampsel said Interior supported the bill, S. 1298, "as a matter of equity; because it would benefit Indian tribes at little cost to the federal government; and, because the bill is compatible with this administration's policy of furthering tribal economic self sufficiency by recognizing and strengthening tribal governments as the governments responsible for providing public goods and services for the people."

The Treasury Department said the bill would remedy the effects of a series of revenue service rulings issued during the late 1960's and early 1970's which held that Indian Tribes are neither states nor political subdivisions of states under the Internal revenue code. As a result of these rulings, mechanisms for either raising or saving funds, available to other governments were not available to tribal governments. Sampsel described this discriminatory treatment as "particularly unfortunate inasmuch as tribal governments are faced with the task of bringing their people, among the poorest in the nation, into economic prosperity. This task is made more difficult . . . because tribal governments are not allowed the same benefits as other governments under the internal revenue code." The bill, among other things, would permit tribes to issue tax exempt bonds and exempt them from payment of certain excise taxes.

William Robison Reunion Held in Henryetta

By Ethel Coleman Torres

Each year, the descendents of William Robinson hold a Robison Family Reunion in his honor. This year the reunion was held on July 3 at Nichols Park, south of Henryetta.

This year Amos Robison-Norman was chairman. White vases with red and white carnations were given to each of the remaining six granddaughters. Unable to attend was Arline Coleman, Martha Scott Tiger, and Pearl Scott, all of Weleetka and Adeline Burgess of Konawa.

The two present were Fannie Autry, Wetumka, and Susie Foster, Okemah. Also receiving flowers were two granddaughters-in-law, Mrs. Richard Robison, Wetumka and Mrs. Tommy Robison, Paden, who also received an ear ring and necklace set for having the most children present, six sons and one daughter and their families.

Fannie Autry received a locket for being the oldest member of the family present.

Three children of Joe Robison former Weleetkan Arthemus Langston, Raydean Robison, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Kirkland (Bernice Robison) all of Anchorage, Alaska, received the award for traveling the farthest. They said they would all return next year.

B.C. Robison and Tim Lakins, Paden, won the \$10 horseshoe championship.

Next year's officers were elected: Pauline Randall, Henryetta, Chairman; Vann Autry, Tulsa, Vice Chairman; Dorothy Doleman Barnett, Weleetka, Secretary; and Jessie Robison, Treasurer.

BIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM ROBISON 1883-1899

William Robison was born in Creek Nation near Muskogee in 1883, the eldest son of Dr. Alexander Robison and Elizabeth Reed Robison.

William attended school near the mouth of Little River, and at 15 years of age went to Shawnee Mission near Westport, Mo., attending one year then moving to Asbury Mission. After one session, leaving for Warrior Stand Academy for two years. His dad convinced him to learn the blacksmith trade. After two years, he figured there had to be an easier way to make a living, so he became a clerk for G.F. McLish, who had a store at the mouth of the Little River. He met and married Miss Adeline McLish, daughter of Judge James McLish of Tishamingo, and first judge of that nation. They had six children.

When the Civil War broke out, Mr. Robison joined the Seminole Battalion under Col. John Jumper. He was elected 1st. Lieut., but later under reorganization into a regiment, Mr. Robison was made Lieutenant-Colonel, and when mentioned even now is referred to as Col. Robison.

After the war, he opened a merchantile business at the mouth of Caddo Creek, after which he moved his business to Creek Nation and was elected disrtict judge of Deep Fork District, serving two years when he was elected a member of the House of Warriors and afterward school supt. at Wetumka Boarding School under the administration of Creek Nation, with Principal Chief Joe Perryman appointing him. Before becoming Supt. he was in the House of Kings for 12 years.

Adeline passed away, March, 1871, leaving him with seven children. In Nov., 1872, Mr. Robison married

Cherokee Davis Barnett, the widow of Washington Barnett, the nation's treasurer. By this marriage, two sons were born. In 1884, the family moved from Springfield to Muskogee, where Col. Robison opened a livery stable on the north side of Broadway between Second and Third Streets.

When the Col. was selected as Supt. of the old Wetumka Creek Indian Mission, which was known as Wetumka Boarding School. In the records, Col. Robison was known as one of the finest educators of the old Indian Territory and had a very successful administration for his six year total until his death in 1899, three weeks after his wife's death.

Col. Robison was well chosen for the job, for he and his wife were both deeply interested in the students welfare and understood their problems. They wanted to give them a practical education which would prepare them to meet life's situations. He knew that Indians needed to know how to live in the world they were in. He did many kind things for the students to make them enjoy life. He wanted his students to have the finest education possible, but he wanted them to enjoy getting it.

When Col. Robison passed away, he would have been happy to know his relatives have a reunion each July on the first Saturday of the month.

The story and history of the "Old Wetumka Creek Indian Mission" made into a book is available by mail for \$7.50 plus \$1.25 postage to the Okemah Print Shop, 421 W. Broadway, Okemah, OK 74859. Be sure you a clearly written return address and check or money order for thr right amount. You may pick up a copy at the Okmulgee Council House Museum or at the Arts and Crafts Shop in the

Mound at the Creek Nation Complex. to my knowledge those are not mailed out, just available.

REUNION ATTENDANCE

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robison, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Robison and Phyllis and Rene, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Robison, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Lakins, Mr. and Mrs. B.C. Robison and children, Carlita, Doug and Clayton, all of Paden.

Mrs. Susie Brown, Morris; Billy and Juanita King and family, Danny, Sheralyn, David and Dale, Henryetta; Elouise Harjo Proctor, Camille Johnson and children, Lumber Marsey, Christie Alexander Severs, Howard and Della Scott, all of Wetumka.

Riley Elizabeth "Cap" Autry, Juneau, Alaska; Nora Cheek, Okemah; Mr. and Mrs. Rick Lane, Tulsa; Mrs. Lucille Canard Navarro, Glenpool; William Buck, Sapulpa; Linda Long, Sallisaw; Bill and Beth Grimsley, Choctaw; Rebecca Robison Lindsey, Wewoka, her sons, Nolen Robison, Coweta, Mr. and Mrs. Craige Robison, Stephen and Francis, Holdenville; Mr. and Mrs. Amos Robison, Linda and J.P. Neeley, Norman.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Autry, Bokita; Linda Kaler, Okmulgee; Tommy Robison Jr., Mike and Cay Torres and children, Mary Catherine and Paul Michael, Oklahoma City, Ben Birdcreek and daughter, Kimberly, Lawrence, Ks.; Gary Langston and children Tony and Carolyn, Joelton, Tenn.; Buddy Joe Robison, Willis and Louise Robison, Zelma Quigley, Upper Lake, Ca.

Willis grandchildren, Candi and Richi Tuchs, Lower Lake, Ca.; Erich Fitzenmaier, Atlanta, Georgia; Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Birdcreek and sons Adrian and Louis, Ethel Coleman Torres, Dorothy Coleman Barnett and Bill Goseny, Weleetka.

Yardy Family Reunion Reunite Brother & Sister

The Yardy Family reunion was held on June 19, with Doc Yardy of Henryetta being guest of honor. He was reunited with his sister Hettie Turner of Tulsa whom he had not seen in a number of years.

Mrs. Jan Green was the host and everyone enjoyed the good food, after lunch, pictures were taken. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gaskins and their two daughters, Jamie and Lorrie of Salem, Ky. had traveled the furthest for the occasion.

Also attending the reunion were: Mr. and Mrs. Tom Yardy of Miami, Ok.; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Austin and children of Moore, Ok., Mr. and Mrs. Mike Washington of Muskogee, Ok., Mr. and Mrs. Dean Green and girls of Henryetta, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Yardy of Catoosa, Ok. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Yardy, Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Trout, all of Tulsa. Mr. and Mrs. James Rainy and family, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hurt and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Jacobs, all of Morris, Ok. Miss Janet Turner of Sand Springs, Ok. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Yocham of Coweta and Mr. Norman Miller a good friend from Mounds, Ok. was present.

We missed two nephews who were unable to attend, Willie Yardy Jr. and Don Yardy of Sadan, Ks. hope next time around they will be able to attend.



Solomon Anderson Reunion

The Solomon Anderson relatives will hold a reunion Saturday, September 20, beginning at 1:00 p.m. The reunion will be held in the Lyman Bruner camphouse at Concharty Methodist Church, located off old Bixby Road, (four miles north of hwy. 16, and one mile east).

All relatives and friends are welcome to bring a covered dish!

Shown at right are the daughters of Solomon Anderson. (Standing L-R) Lydia Sweeney and Stella Bruner. (Seated L-R) Beatrice Colbert and Augusta Kepley.





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G.E.D. Classes Begin Oct. 18

G.E.D., Graduate Equivalency Diploma, classes will begin October 18 in the Creek Nation Adult Education Program at the Tribal Complex in the Mound. All tuition and material charges will be furnished through the program for eligible participants.

To participate in the G.E.D. program, you must be at least 1/4 or more Indian blood. You must also be 18 years or older, or your high school class must have already graduated.

Applications and pre-testing can be made daily at the Education Center in the Mound, said Joe Washington, newly employed supervisor of the Adult Education Program. Classes will be conducted on a daily basis from 8:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m. However, other arrangements can be made for those finding it difficult to attend that schedule. If a student finds it impossible to attend classes at the Mound, a home study course can be arranged.

Washington said communities may request classes be established at their local community centers in either the day or evening. In order for classes to be brought to these site locations, fifteen or more persons must enroll.

After individual students are pre-tested, Washington determines their greatest need areas and concentrates the student on those subjects, enabling them to later pass the state required tests to obtain their diplomas.

Adult Education is offering a full-service program with the G.E.D. project. After obtaining the G.E.D., follow up classes will be conducted in career orientation, such as: career opportunities, testing for individualized career interests, preparation for job interviews and preparing a resume.

A supplemental education program is also available through Creek Nation Adult Education. Either partial, or in some instances, full training courses can be arranged at Oklahoma State Tech. These include courses such as: word processing, computer training and industrial arts.

"Student development mini classes will also be available at the request of communities or groups, these classes will also be in any subject area from income tax preparation, driver's education, to exercise or typing," Washington stated. "The classes will depend on the special interest of the requests," he said.

Washington is a 1980 graduate of N.E.O.S.U. with a B.S. in Education. He is Creek and a resident of Muscogee. For the past two years, he taught Industrial Arts at Cleveland Junior High School. For more information contact Joe Washington at the Creek Nation Adult Education Program, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447. Telephone 918/756-8700.



Helen Bunny (center) shows Pearl Thomas (right) and Bernice Hale (left) some of the items she has for sale in the gift shop located in the lobby of the Executive Bldg. at the Tribal Complex. All items are handmade and proceeds go to the Creek Nation Festival Fund.

Commodity Deliveries Started

The C.N. Commodity Distribution Program is officially underway. The warehouse located at 501 W. 4th in Okmulgee has been renovated to meet specifics needed to store tons of food products which arrived last week.

Distribution started with emergency food applications. Those applicants that were certified and classified as such were able to pick up their food packages at the warehouse before actual truck deliveries started.

The Commodity Distribution trucks began deliveries September 21 in the southeast quadrant of Creek Nation at the community centers in Yeager and Weleetka. Most of the delivery sites are either Creek properties or related locations.

One month certifications and expedited services may be picked up at the warehouse any work day. However, you need to come by the Distribution office at the Mound before going to the warehouse.

Deliveries will be made every two weeks at the following sites and time schedules.

1st & 3rd TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Yeager-Community Center-9:30 a.m.
Weleetka-Community Center-1:00 p.m.
Bristow-Mutteloke Church-9:30 a.m.
Kellyville-Community Center-1:00 p.m.

1st & 3rd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

Coweta-Site to be selected-9:30 a.m.
Twin Hills-Community Center-1:00 p.m.
Eufaula-IHS Parking Lot-9:30 p.m.
Checotah-C.N. Day Care Center-1:00 p.m.

2nd & 4th TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

Okemah-C.N. Hospital-9:30 a.m.
Wilson-Honey Creek Church-1:00 p.m.
Dewar-Community Center-9:30 a.m.
Morris-Big Cussetah Church-1:00 p.m.

2nd & 4th THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

Glenpool-Community Center-9:30 a.m.
Duck Creek-Site to be selected-1:00 p.m.
Hanna-Site to be selected-9:30 a.m.
Ryal-Site to be selected-1:00 p.m.

The above distribution schedule may be changed due to increased community participation.

Creek Principal Chief Cox watches as commodities are unloaded from transports into the C.N. warehouse where tons of food products will be stored until C.N. trucks make deliveries to community sites.



Treaty Day Scheduled For Feb.

To honor the 150th anniversary date of the February 14, 1833, treaty between the United States and the Muscogee Nation which established the tribal boundaries in the Indian Territory, C.N. tribal staff are planning to hold the Sixth Annual Treaty Day in February of next year, instead of August as has been scheduled the past five years.

The February 1983 Treaty Day has not been fully planned as yet. The suggestions of all tribal citizens are needed to make this day one which honors the struggle of our ancestors to establish the Muscogee Nation in the Indian Territory following their removal from Georgia and Alabama.

The Creek Festival Committee is studying the idea of sponsoring an

essay contest for Indian students with prizes to be awarded at the Treaty Day meeting. The February date should allow for the participation of many Indian students if their Indian Parent Committees become involved in this program.

The format for the February Treaty Day has not been set. Past Treaty Days have been a discussion of each Treaty and Agreement between the United States and the Muscogee Nation. Past guest speakers have included Philip Deer of Nuyaka Tribal Town of the Muscogee Nation.

Tribal members with suggestions for Treaty Day on February 14, 1983, should write Robert Trepp, director of Policy & Research, at P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447.

LETTERS. . . .

TO THE CREEK NATION:

On behalf of myself and my family, this is to publicly express appreciation, gratitude and thanks for the privilege and honor of being the Creek Nation Princess for 1981-82.

The Creek Nation with its proud and strong Indian people, just by being who they are with fundamentally good ways, made my responsibility as the Creek Nation Princess a distinctly pleasant and enjoyable part of my life.

I extend a particular thank you to Chief Claude Cox and the Council for their sponsorship of the activity and the specific encouragement received from them. This is also extended to the Pageant Committee and tribal personnel, especially Mr. Steve Wislon for the provision of able direction and support.

The experience as Creek Nation Princess was a memorable one and it involved meeting many interesting people, both within the Creek Nation and from other places. In striving to be an effective good-will representative for the Creek people, it enhanced my own self-assurance and confidence.

I would encourage the continuance and support of this activity by the Creek Nation for the opportunity it offers young Creek Indian women to maintain positive examples and images for the Creek people. I feel good comes from this in different ways by displaying this to ourselves as a people and to others as well; and I stand willing to help whenever I may be called upon.

All this has made me more proud to be an Indian person, especially a member of the dynamic Creek Nation.

Sincere best wishes and good fortune to the current Creek Nation Princess, Miss Alice King.

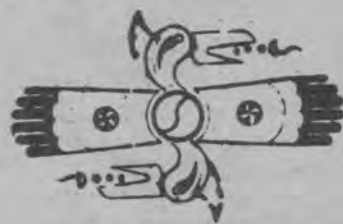
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**LESLIE ANN BARICHELLO
SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA**

TO THE EDITOR:

I'd like this published about my son, Dr. Robert F. Chesbro, Jr. He finished college at Tahlequah, also Dartmouth Medical School in New Hampshire. He had residency at Ft. Smith Hospital. He is now residing in Pawhuska at the clinic there. He and his wife, Randi, like the community very much. He is Creek Indian, of course. Print this as you see fit. I'd also like to notify you of my change of address.

**THANK YOU,
FLORIENE CHESBRO
TAHLEQUAH, OK.**



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OBITUARIES

JACK HARJO

Funeral services for Jack Harjo were conducted August 10 at the Weogofkee Indian Baptist Church, with Rev. Solomon Bulet officiating. Interment was in the Weogofkee Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Tommy Lowe, R.B. Arterberry, Chester Arterberry, Elliot Barnett, Ligan Mouser, and Joe Nunn. Harjo died August 7 in the Muskogee Veterans Hospital. He was born September 30, 1918 in Oklahoma and was a veteran of World War II.

Survivors include six cousins, including Judy Proctor of Hanna, five nephews and four nieces.

REV. DAVID LONG SR.

Funeral services were held for Rev. David Long Sr. Saturday, September 4, at Salt Creek Methodist Church in Holdenville.

Rev. Long, 67, of Atoka died September 1, in the Deaconess Hospital in Oklahoma City. Survivors include his wife, Eloise Long of the home; a son, Rev. David Long Jr. of Oklahoma City; two daughters: Betsy Long and Barbara Long, both of Oklahoma City; one sister, Melissa Deere of Holdenville, and a foster sister, Nancy Beaver; and many relatives and friends.

Rev. Long was born May 9, 1915 in Hughes County and was a resident there most of his life. He was District Superintendent of the S.E. District of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference and a minister of the United Methodist Church.

Services were officiated by Rev. J.H. Robison, Rev. Forbis Durant, Rev. Thomas Roughface, and Rev. Pat Freeman. Interment was in the family cemetery.

ANNIE TAYLOR

Funeral services were conducted September 16 for Annie Taylor at the Hickory Grounds Church, Number Two, south of Salem with the Reverend Barney Walker officiating.

Interment was in the Taylor Family Cemetery. The body was taken to the church at 4:00 p.m., September 15.

Mrs. Taylor died September 13 at her home, Route Two, Henryetta. She was born Feb. 3, 1920 in Oklahoma and was a member of the Hickory Grounds Indian Baptist Church near Salem.

Survivors include her husband Louis Taylor of the home; five sons: Wesley R. Taylor, Morris, Louis Taylor Junior, Henryetta, Arnold Taylor, Grapevine TX, Eddie and Elmer Taylor, Okmulgee. Two daughters: Litty Ann and Louise Taylor, Henryetta. Two brothers: Yahola Artussee, Oklahoma City and Jonas Artussee, Okmulgee. Two sisters: Juanita Artussee, Okmulgee and Ira Artussee, Morris, and five grandchildren.

Area Indian Crusade

The Area Indian Crusade will be held Sept. 20 - 25 beginning at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Evangelist, Rev. Ernest Best will be the speaker with J.B. Dreadfulwater as music director.

The Crusade will be held at the Native American Coalition of Tulsa, located at 1740 W. 41st. in Tulsa, OK.

For more information call 446-5437.

STELLA MAE HAWKINS

Funeral services for Mrs. Stella Hawkins were conducted Saturday September 18 at the Cantrell Ivory Chapel, in Okmulgee. Rev. Togo Berryhill officiated the services, interment was in the Tallahassee Indian Methodist Church Cemetery under the direction of the Cantrell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hawkins, a resident of Henryetta, died September 15 in Tulsa. She was born Nov. 20, 1924 in Henryetta and was a member of Tallahassee Indian Methodist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Bonnie Lee Cope, Moore, and Geri Berryhill, Okmulgee, one sister, Lillian Coker, Choctaw, one brother Levi Hall, Dallas, Tx., one grandson and one niece.

The family requests memorials to the Red Cross.

-NOTICE-

Creek Nation Needs Your Correct Address

The Muscogee Nation News is constantly updating our mailing list. Three months ago, we put an Address Correction Return request on the paper. For each paper the Post Office returns to us with an address correction or undeliverable marked on it, they charge us 25¢. At this time, we have received over 500 papers back from the Post Office that they cannot deliver because of either address corrections or moving and leaving no forwarding address.

If the Post Office supplies us with an address change, we make the change on our mailing list. However if the papers come back marked "Undeliverable" all we can do is drop that name from the list.

Every day, we receive complaints in this office about not receiving the MNN, most of the time after questioning, the person has moved and not changed addresses with us; sometimes even two or three times.

Our original mailing list was compiled from the 1976 Creek Voter Registration. One of your rights as a Creek citizen is to receive the MNN free of charge. We want you to receive the MNN, however, it is up to you to keep us informed of address changes.

This is also important to the Creek Membership Board and the Creek Election Board. Keeping in touch with tribal members is important to the Muscogee Creek Tribal Government for not only receiving the newspaper, but making it possible to submit ballots to you for you to exercise your voting privilege in the tribe.

If you have moved or will be moving, please contact the Muscogee Nation News office in the Mound at the Complex. Our address is P.O. box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447 or call (918) 756-8700 extension 284.

Financial Aid For Education Creek Recieves J.S.A. Award

By Dan Burgess
Creek Nation Higher Education Program

Students Search for College Aid . . .

This headline was in a recent Associated Press article about student aid. I have included portions of the article because of the information it contained.

Cutbacks in federal aid to college students mean more of a scramble than ever for the dollars that are left and you have a better chance of getting your fair share of help if you know how to apply.

All full time students applying for a Creek Nation Higher Education grant, have to apply for all basic aid programs and be declared eligible by income as determined by the type of financial aid form used by the school you plan to attend.

There are five basic aid programs for the 1982-83 academic year, including grants which do not have to be repaid and loans which do. **(NOTE: The government usually defines the academic year as running from July 1 to the following June 30 - not from the beginning of the fall semester to the end of the spring semester.)**

You should apply for help as early as possible, because in all probability, you would not be able to receive any funds until six to eight weeks after you have submitted your financial aid form. The school and Creek Nation Higher Education would not be able to commit funds until the student is determined to be eligible for such funds by his/her income.

There are general eligibility for all the programs. As a rule, you are eligible for aid if:

You are enrolled at least half-time as a regular in an eligible program at an accredited college or university. Technical and vocational schools are eligible if they take part in Department of Education financial aid programs. However, the Creek Nation Higher Education program cannot fund for technical or vocational training. Only those that lead to a degree.

You can see that you have a need for help. Need is generally defined as the difference between the amount your education will cost and the amount your family can reasonably be expected to contribute. The Creek Nation uses the eligibility for the Pell Grant as a determinant of income.

The Department of Education has a 16-page pamphlet explaining the aid programs available and the steps you must take to qualify. Copies are available at no charge from the Consumer Information Centex, Dept. 512K, Pueblo, Colo. 81009. Ask for "The Student Guide: Five Federal Financial Aid Programs 1982-83".

To apply for help, you will have to fill out one of several forms. Most colleges and universities use either the College Scholarship Services Financial Aid Form called FAF; or the American Testing Programs Family Financial Statement, dubbed FFS. The student should complete the entire packet and send the fee required to those offices that require the information before determining your aid. If you are eligible.

The Creek Nation Higher Education program requests that those seeking

aid before the following academic year, submit the federal aid application before March 1, so there will be no hold up in their requested aid.

About four to six weeks after you apply for federal student aid, you should receive a Student Aid Report, or SAR. This report will show whether you are eligible for a basic Pell Grant. The Pell Grant program is the largest of the federal student aid programs; awards are closely linked to income. The Creek Nation program uses this income eligibility for their guidelines for grant eligibility. The financial aid officer at your college also may use the SAR, to decide whether you are eligible for other types of help.

Another sign of the federal tightening of aid dollars is the requirement of a copy of the adjusted gross income so that the financial aid personnel can verify that the information on the financial aid form is correct.

One aspect of the federal cutbacks is that many at the upper level of eligibility during the past academic year, now find that they are no longer eligible for the Pell Grant.

I hope this information will be helpful to students and parents alike and if you have any questions, you may contact your financial aid counselor or me at the Creek Nation Complex.

Health Department Urges Children to be Immunized

According to the Okfuskee County Health Department, one child from Hughes County has recently been confirmed as being ill with whooping cough. A second child is also suspected of having had the disease. The child with whooping cough had not been immunized.

Health Departments in both Hughes and Okfuskee counties have investigated the child's illness and no additional cases have been detected; however, the investigation is still continuing.

A meeting was called by the Okfuskee County Health Department in cooperation with Indian Health Service, Oklahoma State Health Department, Okmulgee, Creek and Hughes County Health Departments, Creek Nation Community Hospital and the Creek Nation to coordinate efforts to raise immunization levels in these areas.

Parents should check the immunization records of all their children under seven years of age to assure they have received or are in the process of adequate doses of vaccine. A minimum of three doses should have been received to provide protection; however, additional doses may be recommended depending upon the child's age. The vaccine is very safe and effective and can even be given to children who have minor illness without fever.

Parents are encouraged to see their family physician, Indian Health Service or county Health Department for these immunizations. In Okemah, immunizations can be obtained free of charge at the Okfuskee County Health Department and at any of the Creek Nation Indian Health Service Clinics or hospital.

Creek Recieves J.S.A. Award

David Lester, Creek, will be the recipient of the Jay Silverheels Achievement Award at the United Indian Development 1982 banquet to be held October 14 in North Hollywood, California.

Lester is Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans (ANA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The JSA is bestowed each year upon an outstanding American Indian who has achieved personal success while contributing to the improvement of American Indian communities.

Lester was born in Claremore and is a graduate of Brigham Young University. In 1969, Lester served as an Economic Development Specialist for the National Congress of American Indians. In 1970, he became the first president of United Indian Development Association (UIDA) which was pioneering new approaches for increasing the number of Indian tribes and individuals involved in business ownership.

His efforts in Indian economic development led to two Presidential appointments as an advisor on Indian Federal policy. In 1970, he was appointed to the National Advisory Council on Minority enterprises, and in 1972 he was named to the National Council on Indian Opportunity.

In 1978, Lester was appointed Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans which nationally promotes economic, governmental, social and legal institutions. Lester's dedication to assisting American Indians achieve self-sufficiency has been strengthened.

In 1978, Lester was appointed Commissioner of ANA which nationally promotes economic and social self-sufficiency for Native Americans. ANA's focus is on supporting the efforts of tribal governments to strengthen or establish the economic, governmental, social and legal institutions. Lester's dedication to assisting American Indians achieve self-sufficiency has been exceptional and inspirational. He truly is deserving of the Jay Silverheels Award for INPRO/82.

INPRO is the nation's only annual conference dedicated to American Indian PROgress in economic and business development and is sponsored by the United Indian Development Association (UIDA). UIDA is a private non-profit corporation, founded and directed by American Indians. Through UIDA's business and economic development efforts, the number of Indian enterprises in California has increased from 50 to 600 since its inception twelve years ago. These clients include individual businessowners, tribal enterprises and community service centers.

N.C.A.I. Recieves United Way Funds

The National Congress of American Indians is now included in the Washington, D.C. area United Way campaign for charitable contributions. Friends of NCAI who want their United Way contributions to benefit the Indian organization may designate that all or any portion of their contribution be given to NCAI.



WAUKOMIS CHUPCO LEWIS

Creek Nurse Commissioned With Rank of Commander

Waukomis Lewis, Creek, began her government service in 1962 as a nurse at Claremore Indian Hospital. In 1976, she joined the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Officers Corp as a Nurse Officer (Lieutenant Commander) with a rank of O4 in the U.S. Navy. One year later, she was promoted to Senior Nurse with a rank of O5 as Commander.

Presently, she is the only Indian nurse in the Public Health Service Commissioned Officer Corp, Oklahoma area Indian Health Service. Waukomis is the supervisor over the Claremore Hospital Emergency Room, Ambulatory Care, and Community Health Nursing Services.

She graduated from Okmulgee High School, received her B.S. degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1962. Her three children, two sons, 18 and 14, and daughter, 17, attend school at Claremore and are active in the school band.

Waukomis is the daughter of the Reverend Lee and Helen Chupco, Muskogee, and the granddaughter of the late Reverend Billie and Bessie Palmer, Holdenville.

Creek Language Concordance Printed By Bacone College

The Creek (Muscogee) language New Testament Concordance has been printed by the Indian University Press of Bacone College and will be on the market August 23. This is the first New Testament Concordance printed in an American Indian language. To order a copy of the concordance, send \$15 to: **Indian University Press, Bacone College, Muskogee, OK. 74401, Attention: Lisa Johnson, Assistant Director. Postage is included in the price of the book.**

Creek Enrollment

The Creek Enrollment Board reminds you there is no deadline on enrolling. Persons needing applications for enrolling as Creek citizens may request them by writing: **Creek Citizenship Board, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447 or by phone 918/756-8700 at the Tribal Complex.**

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Spike Bennett atop "Lucky Lady", 3rd Go at 1981 INFR



Mike Johnson, 2nd Go, at 1977 INFR.



Don Osburn riding high on bull no. 44 at 1981 Region Eight Finals, Henryetta.

1982 AIRAO Region Eight Finals Results

BARREL RACING

Year End Money Winner:

Lisa Deroin, Ponca City, Otoe-Missouri

Region Eight Point Average Winner:

Sissy Williams, Locksburg AR, Choctaw

TEAM ROPING

Year End Money Winner:

Paul Lee Forman, Cherokee

Region Eight Point Average Winner:

Jack Foreman, Bixby OK, Cherokee
Ben Forman, Cherokee

CALF ROPING

Year End Money Winner:

Jack Forman, Cherokee

Region Eight Point Average Winner:

Hal Tomason, Kiowa OK, Choctaw

STEER WRESTLING

Year End Money Winner:

Ron Hammer, Pleasanton KS, Cherokee

Region Eight Point Average Winner:

Mike Johnson, Last Chance OK, Creek

BULL RIDING

Year End Money Winner:

Matt Fowler, Coweta OK, Cherokee

Region Eight Point Average Winner:

Don Osburn, Tahlequah OK, Creek



BAREBACK RIDING

Year End Money Winner:

Spike Bennett, Tahlequah OK, Creek

Region Eight Point Average Winner:

James Duffield, Tahlequah, Cherokee

SADDLE BRONC RIDING

Year End Money Winner:

Jess Knight, Ft. Worth TX, Sioux

Region Eight Point Average Winner:

Jess Knight

Second Place-Year End Standing:

Mark Knight, Ft. Worth TX, Sioux

Creeks Qualify For Indian National Finals Rodeo

By Helen Bennett

Three Creeks qualified over the Labor Day holiday at the All Indian Rodeo Association of Oklahoma (AIRAO), Region Eight Finals held at Tahlequah, to compete in the Indian National Finals Rodeo (INFR) scheduled in Albuquerque, September 18-21.

They were Spike Bennett, Mike Johnson and Don Osburn. To qualify for the INFR, you must be the year-end money winner from all the AIRAO sanctioned rodeos held during the past year or the Regional Finals point average winner. The top two winners of each event are eligible to compete in the INFR for the Indian World Championship.

SPIKE BENNETT

Spike Bennett is the year-end money winner in Bareback Riding. This will be the second consecutive year for Spike to go to the National Finals. Besides being the year-end money winner, he placed second on all three

head for the average at the Regionals, coming in just a few points behind first place.

Spike is 23 years old and attended school at Henryetta and Tahlequah. He started riding steers and bareback when he was six years old. Most of his miniature, junior and high school riding were on steers and bulls. Just the past three years, has he seriously concentrated on bareback riding. Spike is also a member of ACRA. He is the grandson of the late Mutt Hogan, former Turtle Association and RCA member, and the son of Helen Bennett, Okmulgee, Communication Manager for the Creek Nation.

MIKE JOHNSON

Mike Johnson qualified for the National Finals in Steer Wrestling for winning the three go-around average at the Regionals. This is also the second time for Mike to qualify for the INFR. He went in 1977, setting the fastest throw that year with a 4.6, but

broke the barrier on two runs, costing him the Indian World's Championship. Mike holds the arena record at River Front Coliseum in Cincinnati, Ohio, with a time of 3.6.

Mike is 34 years old and resides at Last Chance, Oklahoma. He has been a member of AIRAO three years. He is a PRCA card holder (four years) and belonged to IRA ten years.

Mike has been steer wrestling since he was 15 years old and roping since he was nine. He is the father of two sons, Cody and Colby who is already an accomplished roper. His parents are Nadine and Clyde Johnson, Okemah. Mike is the Deputy Director of the Creek Nation Housing Authority in Okmulgee.

DON OSBURN

Another Creek to qualify for the INFR is Don Osburn, Tahlequah. Don rode all three bulls at the Regional Finals placing him as the average winner. This is the fourth time to the

Nationals for Don. He went in 1976, 1977 and 1980. This year he will go into the INFR not only competing against other regional winners in bull riding, but competing against his friend, Matt Fowler, the Region Eight year-end money winner and the current Indian World Champion Bull Rider.

Don is also a member of ACRA and CSRA. In 1980, he went into the CSRA Finals in third place. That same year, he placed fourth in the INFR. He is 29 years old and has been riding bulls for 12 years. Don lives on his 300 acre Flying "O" Ranch east of Tahlequah where he raises chickens and cattle. His chicken business does not consist of a few chicks running around in his yard. He tends about 30,000 daily! Don is the father of two daughters, ages six and three. Recently he was elected to serve on the Lowry School Board. He is a former AIRAO Bull Riding Director and the current AIRAO Saddle Bronc Director.

Okmulgee Community News

AUGUST 9, 1982 MEETING

Reported By Secretary Pearl Thomas

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, Cora Deerisaw and opened with a prayer by Mr. Brown. Minutes of the last meeting was read by Secretary, Pearl Thomas. Steve Wilson made a motion to accept the secretary report and Shirley Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

On Wednesday, August 11, the community will serve lunch for the workshop on Commodity and Distribution Program. Donations was asked by Chairman for desserts. Jimmy Jones donated his time to cook the meat for the luncheon.

The meeting was turned over to Steve Wilson and he introduced Ron Scott to give more information about the proposed community building. The site is being proposed at the senior citizen complex across the senior citizen complex across from the tribal store. The proposed size is 2000 sq. ft. The legal notice will be published in the Tuesday paper of the Okmulgee Daily Times. Materials to be used will be similar to the materials used on the apartment complex.

Questions asked by some of the senior citizens who live in the apartment complex were: QUESTION: What kind of recreation will the center be used for? ANSWER: It depends on what the community wants the building to be used for. QUESTION: What about the parking facilities and what about the area south of the complex grounds. ANSWER: The site has already been approved by HUD and parking has been put into the plans. QUESTION: Has the site been definitely decided upon. ANSWER: No. The community will have to vote on it. QUESTION: Will there be protection such as fence put between the apartment and the community building? ANSWER: If the community wants it and there is enough money in the budget. QUESTION: How can they get lights to be put behind the apartment complex? ANSWER: Contact Billie Sterner. QUESTION: Will there be any way of knowing how much noise and parking lot confusion there will be? ANSWER: No, not at this time. It depends on how the building itself is arranged and where the parking lot will be placed? QUESTION: What kind of security will be provided to insure the safety and protection of senior citizens property during the times the building is in use? ANSWER: The Creek Nation Security will be provided to insure the safety and protection of senior citizens property during the times the building is in use. ANSWER: The Creek Nation Security will be patrolling the building at all times. The residents were told that the building would not always be in use and that someone will be there when the building is in use.

After hearing the questions, answers and discussions, the community voted on the proposed site. Helen Bunny made a motion to accept the proposed site and Shirley Thomas seconded. Majority ruled with 43 voting yes.

Chief Cox was introduced to make a presentation to the Okmulgee Indian Community from the Association of American Indian Physicians. A Certificate of appreciation was presented to Chairman Cora Deerisaw for the help during the conference.

New Business-Martha Chalakee made a suggestion that the OIC make a donation to the Newtown Church for allowing the physician luncheon to be held there. Chief Cox stated that there was no need to do this because it was the church's donation of the use of the building. A Thank You note will be sent to Newtown Church.

Suggestion-Shirley Thomas suggestion a food sale at next meeting to help buy Christmas decorations for the outside of the complex. Chiquita Juneau made a motion to have the food sale and Steve Wilson seconded it, motion carried.

Paul Tiger gave a report on the Commodity program and the rules and regulations of those people who can be served. Those living in towns over 10,000 population cannot be served. He is now in the process of taking applications for staff people.

The senior citizens will continue to have the consession at the regular bingo.

Chief Cox had just returned from a hearing where he testified on the proposed closing of the Sequoyah Indian School. He has suggested that

the community write letters protesting this. Motion was made by Steve Wilson to have the secretary draft a letter for the community to sign and be sent to the U.S. Congressman and U.S. Senators. This was seconded by Shirley Thomas. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Steve Wilson to form a community committee to help work with Ron Scott concerning the proposed building. The community officers and volunteers were Virginia Thomas, Rachel Thomas and Billie Sterner to serve on the committee.

Steve Wilson asked permission to write a proposal to the Lutheran Church for additional grant monies to be used for Community use on projects such as the proposed community building.

The door prize was won by Joanne Harjo. Helen Bunny will donate next door prize. Steve Wilson made the announcement that Janet Juneau was the recipient of the \$250 community scholarship. September 13 meeting will be to honor the Elderly since September 12 is Grandparents Day. Meeting adjourned. Bingo and Cake Walk were held after the meeting.

Ponca City Radio Station to Air OIO's "The Native American Speaks"

Officials of Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity and management of radio station WBBZ in Ponca City, Oklahoma, announced that the station will soon begin airing the OIO produced public affairs program "The Native American Speaks".

Using an interview format, "The Native American Speaks" examines issues, events, people and services important both to Indians in Oklahoma and the western U.S. and to non-Indians.

Recent guests have included: David Lester, Commissioner of the Administration for Native Americans; F. Browning Pipestem, authority on Native American law; Dr. Frank James, Director of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health; Enoch Kelly Haney, an Indian artist and State Representative from Seminole; Bob Gann, Director of Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission; and Linda Gatlin, Director of the Native American Women's Alcohol Rehabilitation Center in Ponca City.

Conley Ricker, Chief Executive Officer of the American Indian

National Bank, and Rick West, Vice-Chairman of the A.M.I.N.B. Board of Directors, will answer questions about the bank and about federal legislation important to Indians on the first edition of the program to air on WBBZ. That is scheduled for 6:05 p.m., Wednesday, August 25.

WBBZ Program Director, James R. Morgan announced that "The Native American Speaks" will now regularly occupy that 6:05 p.m. Wednesday time slot.

OIO Executive Director Iola Hayden expressed her appreciation to WBBZ management for the decision to carry the program. "There is a large Native American population in and around Ponca City that will be well served by the information contained in the program," Hayden said.

WBBZ, a pioneer Oklahoma radio station which has been on the air since 1928, is located at 1230 KH on the AM dial.

"The Native American Speaks" is also broadcast on Sunday mornings on radio stations KOMA in Oklahoma City and KNOR in Norman.



STEVE YOCHAM

Creek Student Tagged Big Eight's "Big Catch"

By Helen Bennett

Listed as one of the top 11 prospects in the six-state Big Eight Conference area, Steve Yocham, 17 year-old Creek student, was quoted by Oklahoma & Big Eight magazine as "The biggest catch of the Big Eight area."

The 6 foot 4 inch, 280 pound offensive lineman attended both O.U. and O.S.U. football camps at the invitation of the schools this past summer. At O.S.U. Steve was awarded the "Outstanding Offensive Player" trophy at the Jimmy Johnson Football Camp.

Steve is a senior this year at Morris High School. The school's head coach, Rick Patterson, said, "Steve is an aggressive kid. He's quick, smart and strong. He runs 5.2 in the 40, which is pretty good for someone who weighs 280 pounds."

Tabbed as one of the region's outstanding college prospects, another magazine, Big Eight, stated, "Steve Yocham is an impressive physical specimen... you can be sure college coaches will be taking a long look at him this fall."

Steve said he didn't have a choice of school to attend as yet, but he was definitely going to continue his football career into college status. Watch Morris' number 79! We probably will be hearing alot about him in the future.

Steve is the son of Darla Yocham, an employee of the Creek Nation Housing Authority and the grandson of Lucy Gay, Okmulgee.

OBITUARY

DORA ARNO

Funeral services for Dora Jean Arno, 65, were conducted Wednesday, September 22 at the Big Cussetah Indian Methodist Church. Rev. Bud Sullivan and Rev. Sam Haney officiated the services.

Interment was in the Big Cussetah cemetery under the direction of the Cantrell Funeral Home.

Mrs. Arno was born July 14, 1917 in Okmulgee and had lived in the Okmulgee area most of her life.

She died September 19 in a Claremore hospital. She was a member of Big Cussetah Indian Methodist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Debbie Smith, Tulsa, a sister Minnie Factor, Morris and two grandchildren.

MUSCOGEE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

LAST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

I.H.S. Director Believes Indians Cause Own Alcoholism Problems

Dr. Everett Rhoades, director of Indian Health Service, told the 5th Indian/Alaskan Native Health Conference that he has formed a task force to explore ways in which Indian alcoholism may be curbed.

A report in the Native Nevadan quoted Rhoades talk at some length. Rhoades said, "I hereby declare that alcoholism is a health problem. It is not a jail problem; it is not a problem for youth programs; it is all our problems." Dr. Rhoades warned the gathering against assessing blame for Indian alcoholism elsewhere.

It is "patronizing to believe that the white people have done this to us," he said. If Indian people cling to this belief, Dr. Rhoades continued, then "the problem will never be solved. I believe we are too good, I believe we are too precious; I believe we are too resourceful to pretend that someone else caused the problem," he asserted.

"I would hope that each of you would share with me at least an investigation into the possibility that something that we have done ourselves, even with the best intentions, has resulted in this situation," he said.

Dr. Rhoades suggested that Indian people join forces to search for new alcoholism prevention and treatment techniques which could become part of the 154 alcoholism programs already in existence. But, he cautioned against hopes for "some dramatic breakthrough." Like great advances in medicine or science, progress in fighting alcoholism, Dr. Rhoades predicted, will be achieved through the accumulation of "many, many small steps of experience."

Chickasaw Nation Elects Three Council Members

Voter turnout for the 1982 Chickasaw Tribal Councilmember election was moderate this year, according to Pat Woods, Chickasaw Nation election secretary.

Ballots were counted in the auditorium August 19 for three seats on the Council. The three offices up for re-election were in Districts 1, 6, and 7.

Running for District 1, Pototoc County, were incumbent Buck Cheadle, Gene Williams and Jerome Benton. A total of 712 ballots were mailed to eligible voters. Buck Cheadle received 135 votes (42%), Williams received 128 (40.6%), and Jerome Benton received 52 votes (16.5). There will be a runoff election between Cheadle and Williams on September 16. Ballots will be mailed out for this election.

The District 6 Councilmember, will be Henry Pratt. Pratt received no opposition.

In the district 7 race, 2,739 ballots were mailed, with 1,182 ballots returned for voting. Scott Colburn will be the district 7 Council Member at Large. He received 642 votes (59.7%). Vinnie Ream came in second with 364 votes (33.8%), and Larry Hawkins garnered 70 votes (6.5%).

Election secretary Pat Woods urges voters to update or change voter registration information. This can be done at the Chickasaw Tribal Headquarters on North Mississippi at Arlington Street in Ada, or by calling (405) 436-2603.

Seminoles Pay Dividends To Tribal Members

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) - Most of Florida's 1,500 Seminole Indians gathered here August 25 to mark their 25th Anniversary as a sovereign nation and to celebrate their newly found bingo bonanza.

Highlighting colorful tribal festivities on the 480-acre reservation was the issuing of \$300 checks to each Indian.

The checks represented the dividends of tribal businesses such as bingo and cigarette sales that take in an estimated \$5 million a year. Most of the profits are plowed back into the Seminole businesses, capital construction projects for five reservations, education and law enforcement.

But tribal officials told the jubilant gathering that dividend checks next year will run up to \$1,000 each.

Chief James Billie, the driving force

behind the Seminole's economic success, and Betty Mae Jumper, who helped organize the Seminole Tribe of Florida government 25 years ago, recalled years of bitter poverty for the Seminoles.

White settlers. Others were forced to come to what is now Oklahoma, where they were recognized as one of the Five Civilized Tribes.

In Florida, the Seminoles lived for years in virtual isolation.

Billie, 38, who was elected tribal chieftain three years ago, recalled that his generation was the first allowed to attend public schools in south Florida.

"When I was young, the tribal elders told me to go learn the white man's way," he said. "We went through a long period of education. Then we learned to use the white man's way — entrepreneurship — and to use our sovereignty."

While the Seminoles, whose main source of income for years was luring tourists to watch alligator wrestling and buy Indian crafts, expanded their sales to tax-free cigarettes, Billie spearheaded their entry into the bingo operation that takes in more than \$1 million a year in gross revenues.

Billie and tribal attorneys three years ago interpreted their sovereign nation status as exempting them from such state statutes as Florida's limits on bingo — \$100 prizes, only two nights

per week, and a mandate that proceeds go to charity.

Today, hundreds pack the sparkling bingo halls here and in Tampa nightly to compete for prizes that run into five figures — with the proceeds going directly to Seminole coffers.

Broward County Sheriff Robert Butterworth challenged Seminole bingo all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, which last May upheld lower-court approval of the Indians' exemption from the state's bingo statutes.

Billie, whose own rise within the tribe is remarkable because he is a "half-breed" who was orphaned at age 13, told the Seminoles that they must continue to build.

"Bingo and cigarettes aren't the answer," he said. "But the money is important. It can give us health and education, and this is what young Seminoles need for the future."

Billie is aiming for complete Seminole management of the bingo operation, which a white-dominated firm has been running for 40 per cent of the revenues.

He recently fired the Seminoles' tribal attorney, a white, in favor of a Seminole lawyer.

And he hopes to see more private businesses for the Indians, who now have gasoline stations, a pizza parlor and convenience stores.

Baptist Association Hold Annual Meeting

By Ethel Coleman Torres

The 107th Annual Muskogee-Seminole-Witchita Indian Baptist Association met August 11 through the 15 at their Assembly Ground, seven and one half miles south of Henryetta with 12 camps open and several other church representatives eating in the cafeteria.

Buddy Keim was youth pastor for the week, preaching each night at 7:30. Phillip Wade was the Youth Bible Study teacher each morning at 9:00 through 10:00.

Reverend Jimmy Anderson, Shawnee, was the Sunday morning speaker with special guest song leader, J.B. Dreadfulwater in charge of music for the youth.

The theme for the entire Association this year was "Bold Advance for Christ". Reverend George Jessee, Sasakwa, the Association moderator opened the Wednesday evening, August 11 service with the introductory sermon. Dr. Frank Belvin was in charge of the Adult Bible Study each morning. Reverend James Colbert, Eufaula, spoke Thursday morning on "Spiritual Warfare of the Church." Reverend Dave McCombs, Dustin, had the temperance sermon Thursday evening, August 12.

Friday was the annual business session with all important reports given in both morning and afternoon sessions. In the evening worship service Reverend Richmond Carr spoke on the "Doctrine of the Church."

Saturday, 11:00 service, Reverend Bridge Chuckluck, Okmulgee Indian Baptist Church spoke on "Strengthening Families." The evening service was preached by Reverend Thompson Billy, Oktaha. This was the Annual Memorial service held each year for the active members who died during the year.

The missionary sermon was preached in the closing sermon Sunday morning by Reverend Dan Phillips, Sldham, Associational Missionary.

Sunrise devotionals and the 5:00 p.m. promotional speeches were given by: Jim Kerr, Phillip Coon, John Kelly, and Judson Deere.

A good attendance came each night. Ten camps had from three to six tents, with some messengers staying in the youth building.



HOLDENVILLE - 1st PLACE WINNER OF BUCKEYE TOURNAMENT

Buckeye Reunion Holds Softball Tourney

The Buckeye Reunion organization recently held their First Annual Softball tournament, September 11. Teams were 12 years old and under, the winners were: 1st Place, Holdenville; 2nd Place, Buckeye; 3rd Place, Lake Side; and 4th Place, Nuyaka.

Buckeye and Nuyaka teams are hoping this will be the beginning of several tournaments for the younger players.

Holdenville team coach is Malcom Tiger. Players are: James Bruner, Noah Tiger, Kenny Chambers, Steve Stopp, Legus Barnett, Gorden Tiger, Steve Tiger, Brian Chambers.

Buckeye coach is Linda Grammar. Players are: Jerald Phillips, Hixton Hicks, Randell Hicks, Ronald Grammar, Oscar Hicks, Phil Phillips, Big John Hicks, Sherman Hicks, Ernie McPerrman, Joe Bear.

NSU Publishes Journal Of Tribal Management

Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma, which initiated a post graduate masters program in tribal management in 1978, has published a "premier issue of the Journal of Tribal Management".

Donald Bread, director of the MBA-Tribal Management Program at the school hopes eventually to publish the journal on a monthly basis. He

indicated the second issue was planned for publication sometime after the first of the new year. The 38 page journal included articles by two former Indian Commissioners, Robert L. Bennett and William Hallett.

For further information write Donald Bread, Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 74464 (918) 456-5511.

National Council Minutes, July 29, 1982

Invocation: Virginia Thomas. **Call to Order:** Kenneth L. Childers, **Speaker, Muscogee (Creek) National Council. Roll Call:** Helen Chupco, Andy Bible, Carney Roberts, Richard Larney, Nelson Johnson, Thomas McIntosh, Clarence Cloud and Kenneth L. Childers. A quorum was declared with eight members being present and it was decided that any and all business transacted during this meeting would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

Reading of Minutes: Minutes were mailed prior to this meeting date. There were two sets of minutes to consider, they are as follows:

June 22, 1982 - Extra-ordinary meeting: The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Carney Roberts and seconded by Nelson Johnson to approve minutes as read. Roll call was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. A motion having been duly made and seconded, and by a unanimous vote of approval, the June 22, 1982 Extra-ordinary meeting minutes were approved.

June 26, 1982 Regular Scheduled meeting: The Chair entertained a motion for the approval of June 26, 1982 minutes. A motion was made by Helen Chupco and seconded by Carney Roberts to approve the June 26, 1982 minutes as read. Roll Call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval, the minutes of June 29, 1982 were approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

ORDERS OF BUSINESS:

1. Introduction of Special guest, Mr. Tom Patterson, Bureau of Indian Affairs was introduced and asked to speak on how and why the tribe should take over the Johnson O'Malley Program. Many questions were asked and discussed. At the end of the questions and answer session Mr. Patterson asked the members of the Council to consider taking over the Johnson O'Malley in the very near future. Mr. McNabb, Attorney with the McNabb and Preston Firm, Washington, D.C. was introduced and spoke on the Claims he was working on for the tribe. He also introduced John Waxman an assistant who had been working on various cases dealing with the Creek lands, and claims. Cases worked on were for the 1830 Removal, 1832 aboriginal lands in Florida and the problems which would be involved in each before a decision could be reached. A motion by Richard Larney and a seconded by Carney Roberts, a break was taken for fifteen minutes.

A call to order was made the Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation was introduced and asked to speak. Chief Cox gave his thanks to the employees and other participants who worked hard towards organizing the AAIP Conference for the physicians meeting held here in July. He also advised the group that the students who had attended the meeting were proud to have able to attend and would be going back to their tribe to report on their findings. The Chief also advised the Council members that he would be going to Washington within the next few weeks to take care of some business.

OLD BUSINESS:

NCA 82-30 An ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation approving the Judicial Codes of the Muscogee Nation. Due to the lengthy Codes they were not read aloud, however they had been discussed at previous meetings, and planning sessions. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Richard Larney and seconded by Nelson Johnson to postpone NCA 82-30 Judicial Codes. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a Roll Call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and a Roll Call vote having been taken, with a unanimous vote of approval, NCA 82-30, was postponed, and will be recorded as such in the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

NEW BUSINESS:

NCA 82-44 an Act of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending the Tribal contracts Ordinance to provide authorization for additional tribal contracts for Fiscal year 1982. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 82-38, the 1983 Tribal Contracts Ordinance as amended, is hereby further amended as follows: A. In Section 153 (A) (1) (a), following the phrase "Water Resources" ADD the following lines: Social Services 2200; Housing 2400; Credit & Finance 3200; Adult Vocation & Rehabilitation 3300; Other Employment Assistance 3300; Real Estate Appraisal 4200; Other Real Estate Services 4200; Agriculture 5100. B. In Section 153 (A) (2), following the paragraph (a) ADD the following paragraph: (b) Office of the Childhood Development-Head Start. The Ordinance having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. Motion: Helen Chupco made a motion to approve NCA 82-44. Seconded by Richard Larney. Roll Call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, no abstentions and none against. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and roll call vote taken and upon a unanimous vote of approval NCA 82-44 was approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

NCA 82-45. An Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation appropriating the Tribal Budget for Fiscal year 1983. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The Tribal Budget request has been properly prepared by the Principal Chief and duly considered by the National Council, and is hereby authorized and appropriated as follows:

Line Item	Fund Source	Amount
I. EXECUTIVE BRANCH		
A. OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF		
Principal Chief	7151/7651	\$12,000
Principal Chief (5 mo. 1981)	7151/7651	5,000
Second Chief	7151/7651	3,000
Fringe Benefits	7151/7651	5,400
Office Expenses Contingencies	7151/7651	15,950
B. OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATION		
Education-Scholarship & Assistance	9977/2612	30,000
Economic Development	9477/9977/2614	90,000
Welfare & Tribal Burial	9977/2618	7,000
Program Development	9977/2620	10,000
Land Management & Development	9477/2636	58,482
Tribal Claims Development	9477/2644	Note "A"
C. OFFICE OF JUSTICE		
Legal Counsel	9977/2627	14,500
Miscellaneous	9977/2627	500
Legal Service	9977/2627	2,000
2. TRIBAL GOVERNMENT OPERATION		
A. NATIONAL COUNCIL STIPEND		
	9977/9477/2621	4,800
B. TRIBAL OPERATIONS		
	9977/9477/2621	7,200
Total Budget for Fiscal Year 1983		\$265,832

Note A: The budget for Tribal Claims Development will be determined by the remaining funds at September 30, 1982. On January 22, 1982, the Bureau of Indian Affairs approved an attorney's contract in the amount of \$135,000. The term of contract is the one year and, at June 30, 1982, \$27,012.50 was expended. Accordingly, unexpended funds will be carried over to FY 1983. Section 102. Interest shall be spent as it accrues. The Ordinance having been read and considered the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Carney Roberts to amend Section 102 by adding the following phrase to the end of the sentence: "Under appropriate line item". The sentence should read "Section 102. Interest shall be spent as it accrues under appropriate line item". Richard Larney seconded the motion for amendment to Section 102. Upon a motion duly made, and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against, and no abstentions. Motion carried. Upon a motion duly made, seconded, and by a unanimous vote of approval, the amendment was approved as read. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Richard Larney to amend Section 101 Number 2 Subsection "B" by adding "Programmed by Ordinance" underneath Tribal Operations. Motion was seconded by Nelson Johnson. A motion duly made, and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, no abstentions, none against. Motion carried. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by unanimous vote of approval the amendment to Section 101 #2 Subsection B was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Clarence Cloud to approve NCA 82-45 as amended. Richard Larney seconded the motion for approval. Upon a motion duly made and seconded roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and one abstention by Helen Chupco. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by a majority vote of approval, NCA 82-45 was approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as an Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation Appropriating the Tribal Budget for Fiscal year 1983. A motion was made by Clarence Cloud and seconded by Carney Roberts to break for lunch and by unanimous vote of approval the meeting broke. The Chair called the meeting to order.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

NCA 82-46 An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation approving the request of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs for a Right of Way for the purpose of Construction of a road on Tribal lands. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Nelson Johnson to place NCA 82-46 on the Agenda for consideration. Clarence Cloud seconded the motion. Question: Yes. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Upon a motion duly made and seconded and by unanimous vote of approval, NCA 82-46 was placed on the agenda for consideration. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 100.** Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled: Section 101. Findings. The National Council finds that: A. The U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs has scheduled construction of a "Agri-Complex road", route number G02-1912, on tribal lands in Hughes/Seminole District. B. The proposed all-weather road will be beneficial not only to the governmental and enrolled members of the Muscogee Nation but also to the general public as well. C. The proposed location of the road will be upon tribal lands in Section 4 and 5 of Township 8 North, Range 12 East, and in Sections 20 and 32 of Township 9 North, Range 12 East, all in Hughes/Seminole District of the Muscogee Nation, and in Hughes County, Oklahoma. D. The proposed project cannot be completed without the approval of a right of way easement by the Muscogee Nation. Section 102. The Muscogee Nation grants "To the Public" an easement for right-of-way for construction of a road in Hughes/Seminole District, Muscogee Nation for BIA Road Construction route number G02-1912, upon tribal lands in Sections 4 and 5 of Township 8 North, Range 12 East, and in Section 20 and 32 of Township 9 North, Range 12 East, all in Hughes County, Oklahoma, of a width of one hundred feet, and containing 12.20 acres more or less. An ordinance having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Nelson Johnson to approve NCA 82-46 as read. Helen Chupco seconded the motion for approval of NCA 82-46. Question: Yes. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by a unanimous vote approval, NCA 82-46 was approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as an Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation Approving the Request of the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Right-of-Way for the Purpose of Construction of a road on Tribal lands. A motion was made by Richard Larney to add NCA 82-47 to the agenda for consideration. Carney Roberts seconded the motion for adding NCA 82-47. An Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation amending the Emergency Aid Guidelines, was placed on the agenda for consideration. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by unanimous vote of approval NCA 82-47 was placed on the agenda for consideration and will be recorded into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending the Emergency Aid Guidelines. Section 100. Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled: Section 101. Tribal Ordinance NCA 81-97 as amended by hereby further amended at Section 101 as follows: A. Section 101 (D) is amended as read: "Emergency". For the purposes of this Ordinance, an emergency is: 1. A death in the family. 2. A disaster (e.g. tornado, flood or fire). 3. A sudden loss of family income due to sickness or disability 4. Medicine for eligible members who are 55 years of age or older. 5. Emergencies requiring gasoline. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Carney Roberts to approve NCA 82-47 as read. Clarence Cloud seconded the motion for approval. Question: Yes. A roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. Motion carried. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval NCA 82-47 was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as being An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending the Emergency Aid Guidelines, and will be recorded as such.

QUARTERLY REPORTS:

Gary Breshers gave a brief report on various divisions within the Creek Nation. In this report he also included the reports for the Election Board, Citizenship Boards as well as the Judicial Branch, all of which were included in the Quarterly Reports booklet. Paul Tiger briefly spoke on the new Commodity Distribution Program, and reported that he would keep the Council informed on the progress of the program, and that the following Monday advertisements would be made on the job vacancies for this program. The Council was informed about the Agri-Business changing Department heads, and was advised that Bill Fife would be in charge temporarily until someone could be hired on a permanent basis. The legal problems regarding the Creek Nation Agri-Business road was discussed and all sides of the problems were brought out with one suggestion, that the Creek Nation would sit down and discuss with the parties involved in the road building project and try to iron things out then if it couldn't be, legal action would be taken.

OTHER BUSINESS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Steve Wilson thanked the National Council, Office of the Principal Chief, and the Executive Office in the participation in the Oklahoma Indian Affairs seminar held in Oklahoma City.

Planning Session to be held on July 18, 1982 at 6:30 P.M., in the Auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT. A motion was made by Richard Larney and seconded by Nelson Johnson to adjourn this meeting, and by a unanimous vote of approval, the meeting was adjourned. **BENEDICTION.** Helen Chupco



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C.N. Child Welfare Program Needs Foster Parent Volunteers

By Helen Bennett

The Creek Nation Indian Child Welfare Program is in desperate need of Creek foster homes to place Creek children who have been removed from their homes by the State Department of Human Services (DHS).

Foster care is a temporary care for children from infants through teenagers with the objective of returning the child to their own home as soon as possible. Length of placement could be from two days to two years. When it is not possible for children to return home, some may be placed with an extended family member such as an aunt, uncle or grandparents, even a step-parent, or in some cases placed for adoption.

Geoffrey Standing Bear, Creek Nation attorney, and Helen Coon, Creek Nation Child Social worker, are compiling a list of people who are interested in taking children into their homes during this crucial period. Foster parents may come from any walk of life, more importantly they must be capable of providing a stable home life with warmth and love.

Indian foster parents are needed to ensure Indian way of life is not forgotten by the child who might otherwise be placed in a non-Indian atmosphere.

There are many reasons why children need foster care. It could be because of parental illness or family problems, loss of parents through death or desertion or because of neglect, abuse or inadequate care. Sometimes it is needed to move an Indian child out of an institution and back into a healthy family life or while adoption is being planned.

In some instances foster care may be needed in order to provide consistent discipline and guidance from understanding adults in an effort to help the child overcome socially unacceptable behavior.

Homes of all types are needed, located in cities and in rural areas. Indian foster parents can help these children by loving and accepting them without trying to replace their natural parents. They can give them a feeling of belonging. Along with seeing their health needs are met, providing nutritious meals, training and guidance from the foster parents are essential in helping the children become a part of their surrounding community life.

At this time, there are more than 40 Creek Indian children ranging in age from birth to 16 years that have been placed in either DHS juvenile shelters or non-Indian foster homes. These 40 children, all of whom are 1/2 or more Creek blood, have been separated from their homes, family, friends and tribe because of various problems within the family. Statistics show more Indian children than white children are involuntarily removed from their homes by state agencies.

These recent cases of child misplacement happened despite the fact that in 1978 Congress passed legislation to protect Indian children from this outcome. The Indian Child Welfare Act was designed to assure Indian families a full and fair hearing when child placement was at issue.

The underlying premise of the act is that self-governing Indian tribes have a vital role to play in any decision about whether Indian children should be separated from their families.

Cultural bias is a significant factor in the removal of many of these Indian children from their cultural environment. Non-Indian authorities have not been sympathetic to the fundamental differences between their own culture and Indian culture. They enter into child custody proceedings with pre-conceived notions of what a "healthy family" should be for Indians. Most child welfare authorities are totally unaware and totally unfamiliar in ways the extended Indian family serve as an influence in childrearing.

called to intervene in a child custody hearing, Standing Bear can only evaluate the proceedings. The first question he is asked by the court is, "Do you have an Indian foster home for these children to be placed in?" He has seen brother and sisters literally torn from each others arms and placed in separate institutions.

More recently this happened in the southern area of Creek Nation. Standing Bear said he doubted DHS made an effort to find an Indian foster home for these three children.

Just a few weeks ago, a newborn Creek baby was abandoned in a Tulsa hospital by its mother and father. The baby has been made a ward of the court and placed in a shelter until the court decides its future, which could take months. Circumstances such as this one should change when the Creek Nation Child Welfare Program progresses.

Earlier this year, the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Act was passed. The intent of the Act is to protect the integrity of Indian families to help ensure that Indian children who are placed in adoptive or foster care homes continue to live in their natural cultural environment--in Indian homes!

Section eight of the Act specifies an agreement be made between the state and Indian tribes for payment of foster care expenses..."in the event a child is placed with a tribally licensed or state approved Indian foster home the state shall pay the cost of the foster care in the same manner and to the same extent the state pays the foster care to state-licensed or state approved foster homes, provided that the tribe shall have entered into an agreement with the state, which will (See FOSTER PARENTS, Page 3)



Photo By Gary Robinson

Shown with former Chief, W.E. "Dode" McIntosh (seated) are wife, Lulu; (standing l-r) Jerlene King, Creek Principal Chief Claude Cox, Chenubbe McIntosh (son), Wilfred Lee (daughter).

Honors Banquet Held For Former Chief Dode McIntosh

Chief Cox, serving as current President of the Inter-tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes, recently attended an honors dinner at the Chicksaw Motor Inn in Sulphur for former Creek Chief Dode McIntosh.

Along with McIntosh, W.W. "Bill" Keeler, former Cherokee Chief and Harry Belvin, former Choctaw Chief were also honored. After each Chief was nostalgically introduced, they reminisced on their years of service to their respective tribes.

Chief McIntosh was introduced by Jerlene King, former member of the Creek Nation Advisory Council. McIntosh's wit and perception of audience immobility for the past two

hours was greatly appreciated. After his call for a short (standing) intermission, Chief McIntosh highlighted his years as Creek Chief quickly, introduced his sweetheart of 69 years (wife Lulu), then gave his famous warcry. In a very resigned manner, he turned the meeting over to who he proclaimed as... "My Chief, Chief Claude Cox."

Senator Robert Miller, Okmulgee, made the presentation of award plaques to the Chiefs. Chief Cox was presented a belt buckle commemorating Oklahoma's 75th Anniversary. Chicksaw Governor, Overton James, received a "You Done Real Good" certificate from Governor Nigh.

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Tulsa Area Indian Crusade Successful

Recently the first Area Indian Crusade was held in Tulsa at the Pleasant Porter school. Evangelist Ernest Best (Creek) conducted the services. Best stated he felt this was just the beginning of many more crusades for Tulsa.

He said over 300 people attended nightly. There were 30 decisions with five salvations. Best commended the fine work of J.B. Dreadfulwater as the Minister of Music for the Crusade.

Plans for another Revival was announced by Best, November 8 through the 14, at the First Indian Baptist Church in Okmulgee. Services will begin at 7:30 P.M. He invites everyone in this area to attend.

For the past nine years, Best has served as pastor of the Little Coweta Church in the Hanna area. He and his wife Bennie, reside in that area. After resigning from the Little Coweta to go

into full evangelism, Best and his wife have traveled across the nation to different Indian Reservations.

During the month of August, he spent on the Cree Reserve in Canada. "They must be at least 50 years behind our time," he said. "Just 15 years ago, the Crees had to get permission from their government to leave the Reserve." He added, "even their homes do not belong to them, if they move, the houses revert to the government."

Other places he has visited are the Pine Ridge and the Piute Reservations. Next May he will return to Pine Ridge to conduct a Tent Revival.

Best says his evangelistic tours are rewarding to him. Something he has always wanted to do. He also said he plans to continue his theology studies while he is actively serving.

LETTER . . .

DEAR EDITOR:

Some months ago you placed my letter in the Muskogee Nation News requesting information on my Berryhill ancestry. I'll be forever grateful to you for the response that I received. I am now trying to locate any descendants of William B. "Buck" Self (son of Susanna Berryhill Self) and his wife May E. Boswell. Their children were: Sallie, who married William Murray, Martha Jane (Dolly), who married I. Spire Scott, James H. Lynch; Mary, who married Leo Herrick; and a son, Benjamin Hawkins Self. All of these are on the Dawes Roll.

Susanna's sister Catherine Berryhill married John Self and they went to the Creek lands West (I.T.) with the first party of McIntosh Creeks in 1828.

I would like to see a Creek Genealogical Society. These old Creek records are fast deteriorating and are scattered over the country and should be brought together and preserved for our future Creek children. I have several microfilm on old Creek records and would be glad to share the information that I have with any Berryhill descendant.

SINCERELY,

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NOTICE

CREEK NATION

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SCHEDULE REVISED FOR NOVEMBER

A change in delivery dates will affect Glenpool, Duck Creek, Hanna and Ryal communities. Due to Veteran's Day, Nov. 11 and Thanksgiving, Nov. 25, deliveries to the above communities have been rescheduled for Nov. 11 and 24. A Dec. schedule of all communities will be printed in next issue of the Muskogee Nation News.

REVIVAL SCHEDULED SAPULPA, DECEMBER

The Community Indian Baptist Church of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, has planned a December revival. The Revival is to be December 6 - 12 with Rev. Richard Pickup as our evangelist. Services will begin promptly at 7:30 P.M. each night, and a nursery will also be provided. The address of the Community Indian Baptist Church is 520 South Adams, Sapulpa, Oklahoma. Our pastor, Rev. John L. Fixico, invites everyone to attend the Revival.

OBITUARIES

DANIEL LARNEY

Funeral services for Daniel Larney, 81, were conducted October 5 at the Buchanan Memorial Chapel. Rev. Sam Haney officiated the service.

Mr. Larney died October 1. He was born November 7, 1900 in Okmulgee County and resided in a local nursing home. He was a member of the Honey Creek Indian Methodist Church.

Survivors include one brother, Mitchell Larney of Weleetka. Pallbearers were his nephews.

Interment was in the Okmulgee cemetery.

MARCHIE HARRY

Funeral Services were conducted for Marchie Harry, 54, on Saturday, September 11, Rev. John Fixico conducted the services.

Mr. Harry was born in Bixby and had live in that area all his life. He was employed in the maintenance department of the Southern Hills Golf Course.

Surviving are his wife, Caroline of the home, his father Roy of Mounds; two brothers, Simon Harry and Virgil Harry both of Mounds; two sisters, Etheleen Battiste of Mounds and Audrey Rabbit of Glenpool. Five step-children, Jimmy Littlehead, Carolyn Sue Tiger and Gary Littlehead of Mounds, William Littlehead, of Glenpool and Addie Littlehead of Bixby, and 12 grandchildren.

Interment was in the Fox Family cemetery.

LEWIS (BUSTER) RYAL

Funeral services for Lewis J. (Buster) Ryal, 83, were conducted Wednesday, October 20, at the Shurden Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. Roley Haynes officiated the service.

Interment was in the Hickory Ground No. One Cemetery under the direction of the Shurden Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were: Woxie Ryal, Wylie Ryal, Douglas Ryal, Niddo Ryal, Carrol Been and Jenkins Hamilton.

Mr. Ryal was born April 6, 1899 in Ryal and was retired from PPG Industries. He died October 18 in an Okemah Hospital. His wife Lena Ryal preceded him in death April 18, 1978.

Survivors include one daughter, Bertha Ogle, Weleetka, two sons, Elliott Ryal, Norwalk, Ca. and James Ryal, Long Beach, CA., and four grandchildren.

Dear Editor:

Recently, on October 18, 1982, our father, Lewis "Buster" Ryal, died in the Creek Nation Community Hospital, Okemah, Oklahoma. Also, our mother Mrs. Lena Ryal, deceased two years ago was a patient in the Hospital.

We, as their children, were impressed with the care given by the Doctors, Nurses and all the other personnel of the Hospital.

And, as their children, we are most grateful that there is a Hospital in Okemah. So, we wish to take this opportunity and time to say Thank You, to each person instrumental in the development of the our Hospital.

Many are now gone who worked so hard, so we the Creek people could have our own Hospital. But, their dreams have been fulfilled. May their ancestors remember their dreams, their hopes and their wishes, and be pleased.

The Lewis "Buster" Ryal Family

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THURSDAY - General Clinic
FRIDAY - General Clinic

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WEDNESDAY - Diabetic (7:30 - 10:00 a.m.), General Clinic (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
THURSDAY - Diabetic (7:30 - 10:00 a.m.), General clinic (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
FRIDAY - Diabetic (7:30 - 10:00 a.m.), General Clinic (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.)
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Foster Parents Continued . . .

require tribal cooperation with state plans required by federal funding laws."

Standing Bear has a draft proposal of an agreement he prepared for this requirement ready for approval by the tribe to submit to DHS. Until the time DHS approves the agreement, no funds are available for Indian foster care. The people who volunteer to take on the responsibility of becoming a foster parent will be doing so out of the kindness of their heart. Creek Nation can help with limited finances and health care.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent please contact Helen Coon at Creek Nation, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447 or telephone 918/756-8700. The key to success with this project will be Creek Indian participation.

C.N. Takes Over Services At Local Health Clinics

Last month the Creek Nation signed a contract to provide medical services at the Okemah, Sapulpa and Eufaula Indian Health Centers, announced Chief Cox.

"After two years of negotiating with Indian Health Service (IHS), we now have complete management and service control of the facilities," he stated. "Now we can expand services to include O.B., GYN. and Pediatric care at each clinic. Since we took over the clinics the first of October, the patient load has already increased 20 to 25 patients a week at each clinic," he added.

Chief Cox said he felt the increase

came about through the people having more confidence in the tribe's management and service than previously with IHS. Staffing changes have made a great difference in rendering service. In the past under IHS supervision, there were positions that had not been filled in over a year that were actually holding back service to the Indian people, Chief stated.

The management and service transition came about easily for Creek Nation because it was something that had been planned well in advance. For ten years, the main objective of Chief Cox has been a comprehensive health care delivery system for Creek Nation.

"Creek Nation Community Hospital was the giant step forward toward this goal," said Chief Cox. No other tribe had ever before owned their own hospital until Creek Nation opened the one at Okemah. The success of the hospital has been mainly because the Creek people believed in its future. By utilizing the facility, the people have openly displayed their trust in the capability of Creek Nation to provide needed services.

All three health clinics and the two dental clinics located at Sapulpa and Okmulgee are open Monday through Friday.



WELDING STUDENTS WORK ON PROJECTS AT COMPLEX- Twelve welding students who recently graduated from Creek Nation Welding School conducted by American Welding School are now participating in an On The Job Training project by performing work for the tribe until outside employment can be found. They have completed a metal building on the complex grounds, entrance gates and an awning at the tribal grocery store. Shown (front row, l-r) Jeff Hamilton, Terry Brake, Raymond Jackson, Tim Cheek, and Buddy York (program director); (back row, l-r) Chief Claude Cox, Leonard Berryhill, Clem Gibson, Lex Birdcreek, Mike Harjo, Patrick Little Bear, Mark Little Bear, Gerald McNac, and Alfred Berryhill.

"Custer's Revenge" Video Game Rated Blatant Racism

Opposition to sale of the new "adult video game 'Custer's Revenge'" because of its "blatant racism and sexism" was voiced by the National YWCA through its Racial Justice Committee in New York City today (October 14).

The 10-woman group, representing YWCAs in 435 communities and a membership of more than two million women, voted unanimously to oppose the manufacture, distribution and sale of "Custer's Revenge" and other "denigrating" video games produced by American Multiple Industries, Northridge, California, for the home video market.

The so-called "game", says YWCA Racial Justice Committee chair Jacqueline Delahunt of Olga, Wash., "makes a game of sexual contact and -implicitly- of rape, and raping Indian women." A male, wearing hat and boots only, "commits rape and violence against a woman. It is obviously an Indian woman as evidence by a program title and use of arrows as a visual device."

The Committee's opposition, she says, "is consistent with positions of the organization's directing body, the National Board of the YWCA of the U.S.A., currently meeting in New York.

"For 124 years, we have fought for

women's and human rights and against exploitation of and violence toward women. And for more than 60 years, our two million women have fought for the elimination of racism," Ms. Delahunt said.

"This video 'game' insults and denigrates women, Indians - and men. Rape is rewarded."

She sees wide distribution of "Custer's Revenge" as having a

negative and anti-social impact on 'the largest audiences for this type of home 'entertainment' -- children and young people.

"There's nothing in this product remotely connected to 'entertainment'," she added.

The Racial Justice Committee will ask the full National Board to endorse its opposition to such "denigrating" video products.

Thunderbirds Schedule 12th Annual Reunion

Thunderbirds from the 180th Infantry, 45th Division of Company I, will hold their 12th annual reunion Nov. 12-14 at Bacone College and the Holiday Inn, both in Muskogee, Ok.

Alumni and Baconians of the 1930s and 40s can register at "Command Post" rooms 108 and 110 at the Holiday Inn on Highway 69 South from 3-7 p.m. Nov. 12, and from 9 a.m. to noon on Nov. 13, according to Dan Drew, chairman of the reunion.

A Company I business meeting will be held at 3 p.m. Nov. 13, with the annual banquet at 7 p.m., both at the Holiday Inn.

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INTEGRITY-With lies you may go ahead in the world, but you can never go back.

IRRITABILITY- Women are more irritable than men, reason being, men are more irritating.

JUDGEMENT- Good judgement comes from experience which comes from poor judgement.

Echoes From Arbeka

By Eliza Hicks

This column is dedicated to the memory of the late Annie Taylor. She was a devoted family woman and to many of us she was like an older sister to whom we looked for advice and approval. Annie was truly dedicated to the traditional customs of Arbeka Talledega, and her passing on September 13th has left a vacancy felt by all of us.

August was a good month for some of our archers. During Western Week in Holdenville on the 7th, three of our men, Robert Fixico, Yahola Artussee, and Houston Hicks came away with first, second and third place trophies in the class "C" contest. At the American Indian Expo at Anadarko, six of our members entered the class "C" and Youth Class archery contests - Robert Fixico, Yahola Artussee, Houston, Robert, Jim and Tim Hicks. Houston Hicks and Robert Fixico won second and third place trophies, respectively, and due to one oversight of his score which would have put him in first place, the judges awarded Robert Hicks a Pendleton blanket. Tim earned the first place trophy in the Youth Division.

Business wasn't too brisk at our rummage sale on the 20th and 21st but we did enjoy having people stop in and visit. The Dewar Indian Community set up a table of goodies with us and we hope they'll join us again whenever we rummage. Ann Artussee didn't do too bad selling those juicy hot hamburgers. We also had an archery contest for groceries on the 21st with the proceeds going into our utilities account. There weren't very many participants but the men got in some practice. The next day, Sunday, was our squirrel soup day and we had 100% camper attendance.

Houston and Tim Hicks stopped in at the Archery Gallery in Henryetta Labor Day where contests were in progress. Tim out pointed his ol'man and went home with a turkey while Houston had to settle for a chicken.

On September 11 we made a good representation at the Seminole Nation Days parade at Wewoka. Our princess, Mary Jane Tulsa, rode atop a care at the front of our section of eight horseback riders. Afterward we went to Mekusukey Mission near Seminole where most of the celebration was held. In the afternoon the women played bingo and made the rounds of the arts and crafts booths while the men participated in the archery contest. Our only winner was Tim Hicks who took second place in the Youth class.

The Taylor family had birthday cake and ice cream for Russell Taylor on Sept. 17th. We didn't ask which birthday this was and he didn't volunteer that information but we wish him many more to come.

Our last dance of this year was Sept. 25th with a stickball game the following morning. No one came out of the game with any injuries and after breakfast most of our visitors departed. We look forward to seeing many of them again next year and we wish them good health and fortune.

On Oct. 3 we had a bingo game to raise funds for a Halloween party for the kids on Oct. 30. We'll have a carnival, game contests, a masquerade contest, and refreshments beginning approximately at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and we

hope our spooks don't scare the Halloween outta you. Also on Oct. 30, weather permitting, Jean and Jim Hicks will sponsor an archery contest and bingo for groceries. They will serve free lunch at 12:00 noon and the games will start at 1:00. Archery fee is \$5.00 for 20 rounds, no scopes or sights allowed, and 2.50 for 15 games of bingo. All our activities are held here on the grounds located 3 miles east of Collett's Motel on Hwy. 75, 3 1/2 miles south, and 3/4 mile east.

Our last soup day for the year was Oct. 16 and the last ball game that afternoon closed the ceremonial area for the season. The following day we had a covered dish lunch, our regular monthly, and a session of bingo. These proceeds and those from the Halloween carnival will be used to purchase candies and gifts for the children at Christmas time. The date of the Christmas party will be announced next month.

Our group plans to be a part of the Sorghum Days parade in Wewoka on Oct. 23. If it isn't snowing be then, we'll take lunch and find a shady place to eat at, and later go to Mekusukey Mission for other activities. Maybe we'll see you there.

We'd like to invite one and all to our Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 21st after which we'll play bingo for groceries. Profits from these games will be added to our Christmas fund.

We hope all our old friends will return to visit and we extend a warm invitation to those who have never been here to come share our fun and hospitality.

Bemo Church

By Chebon White Cloud

As of July Communion Sunday, we no longer have a full ordained Minister and pastor. Rev. Harley Barnowski has self-voluntarily resigned, (no reason given). Therefore his ministry and missionary work has been turned back to his home church of Vian Creek.

Deacon in training and Layman, Jacob Harjo has been elected and selected to be our "Chairman" until the church determines ordination. With work and church related experience and with much fasting and praying, the church will later on fulfill ordination.

Thanksgiving church meeting will be on November 7. Christmas church meeting and last fourth Sunday will be December 5. December 31 will be the All Night Watch Service.

Prayer meeting has been changed to Tuesday nights. Fast Day is the Friday of Communion Sunday.

Prayer list includes our Elder Deacon Mose Gray.

Remember us in your prayers and continue to uplift us through your visitation. Cordial welcome to all.

Thoughts On Life

Life may be full of sorrow or laughter, it may also be hard or easy, but we must work to live it, and learn to live with it, not against it.

It's A Girl!

John and Lucinda Wilson of Rt. 2 Okmulgee announce the birth of Amy Yvonne Wilson born October 18th, weighing 10 lb. 2 1/2 oz. Grandparents are Nicey Wilson of Okmulgee and Cora Lowe of Holdenville.



Oklahoma State Tech auto mechanics graduate Anthony W. Hale (Center) of Okmulgee, receives the Oklahoma Automobile Dealers Association's Outstanding Graduate Award and the college's General Education Outstanding Graduate Award during a September 17 honors assembly which preceded the technical college's summer trimester commencement. Dick Bailey (left) represented OADA in presenting Hale with the award, while Jim Sulter, General Education Assistant Department Head, presented the General Education award. Hale, who is listed on the Director's Honor Roll, carried a 3.9 for two years; he also received a certificate for 99% attendance record. Anthony is a former photographer for the Muscogee Nation News.

DEWAR COMMUNITY NEWS

In our August meeting we decided to postpone our bingo until September because the air conditioner wasn't working and it gets pretty uncomfortable in our quarters without some type of air circulation at this time of year. The members all agreed to get together and clean up our yard but this hasn't been done yet. Chairman George Hicks has given much of his time to keeping the yard presentable. The treasurer's report on our dinner for the Indian Physicians meeting was not very encouraging. There were not as many coming to the lunch as we had anticipated.

On August 30 a special meeting was called in order to explain the new Commodity Program. Steve Wilson distributed printed copies of the program to those present and he outlined the qualification guidelines and answered questions pertaining to the program.

September 9, 1982 - plans were made to start quilting next week. We have one quilt top completed by Nannie McNac and ready for quilting. Bingo was planned for Sept. 16th with members donating prizes and items for the food sale; however, this was also postponed due to the death of Annie Taylor. It was agreed that each member bring one food item to each meeting to be stored for emergencies.

Oct. 4, 1982 - once again we reset our bingo date for Oct. 14th. Attendance wasn't large but we had a pretty fair profit. With ever-increasing utility rates, most of our proceeds go toward keeping these paid. The situation looks better because we have started quilting on Mondays and Tuesdays each week. We have one quilt for sale and are working on a quilt for someone else. Our rates are: \$30,

queen size; and \$40, king size. Piece quilting is \$50 and up. For more information, contact Helen Bible at 652-8108 or George Hicks at 652-3230. We are still accepting donations of quilting scraps and items for resale. For pick-up, call Mr. Hicks.

Our regular November meeting has been set for the 8th so that we might visit the Okmulgee Community on their meeting night.

Beginning October 25, we will have our re-sale items ready for new owners every Monday and Tuesday. There is a bargain waiting for one and all so drop in and find yours.

Thanks to all who helped in our bingo and we hope you'll attend again.



KELLYVILLE COMMUNITY NEWS

By Daisy Harris

The Kellyville Community met October 4th with a covered dish dinner. Thirty three members were in attendance. Prayer was given by Shirley Brown.

The New Commodity Program was discussed, during the meeting.

The next meeting will be November 8th at 7:30 p.m. this will be the Thanksgiving dinner also. Members will bring their own eating utensils and chairs, along with a salad or a vegetable.



Nancy John

Nancy John Recipient Of Indian Education Fellowship

Nancy John, enrolled Creek, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.J. John, Muskogee, Oklahoma, and granddaughter of Mrs. Munnie Bear Bluford of Bristow, Ok. is the recipient of Indian of Bristow, OK. is the recipient of an Indian Education Fellowship to Oklahoma State University.

The scholarship is for \$4,689 per school year and will run concurrently until a degree is received. Nancy is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University, majoring in chemical engineering. The award is made based upon the graduate's academic and social proficiencies during the four-year performance in high school, which identifies the youth of America possessing outstanding potential in the world in academia.

She was a member of the Oklahoma Honor Society two year at Junior High school and three years at Muskogee High School. She was salutatorian of her 1978 Junior High school class and graduated with honors from Muskogee High school in 1981.

She also was a member of the National Honor Society while at Muskogee High school and the recipient of the OSU Alumni Association Scholastic Award.

The fellowship is awarded through the U.S. Department of Education.



Indians Are Poor!

By Ann M. Humphrey
White Earth enrollee

They used to tell me
Indians are poor
Because they do not lie.
They used to tell me
Indians are poor
Because they do not steal.
They used to tell me
Indians are poor
Because when they have
more than they need
they give away the excess
to those who are without.
They used to tell me
Indians are poor.
Indians are poor.
Indians are poor,
Indian poor.

OKMULGEE COMMUNITY NEWS

By Pearl Thomas

This month's meeting was to celebrate the 5th anniversary of the Okmulgee Indian Community.

The dinner meeting was opened with remarks by Chairman Cora Derrisaw and a prayer was given by Chief Claude Cox.

Before the dinner began Cora was honored with a presentation of five red roses, each representing the five years she has served as Community Chairman.

The special guest representing different local county, state government and local businesses were: Representative, Frank Shurden, County Commissioner, Tom Duncan, Okmulgee City Manager, W.R. McNeil; Joel Harris, Deep Fork Action Farmers Market Co-ordinator; Creek Councilman, Richard Larney, Chief and Mrs. Cox.

The dining hall was beautifully decorated in fall and Halloween decorations by Chiquita Juneau.

Following the dinner a Halloween Costume contest for the children and adults was held. Prizes were given for the ugliest and the most unusual. In the children's division, Christopher Dunn won in the children's division. In the adult division, Cora Derrisaw and Joe McNac were the winners. Our special guests served as judges.

There were approximately 75 people in attendance who enjoyed the fine meal that was served.

Following the dinner, games of Bingo and a cake walk were played.



ROOSEVELT AND CORA DEERISAW RECENTLY CELEBRATED THEIR 48th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH A DINNER FOR THEIR FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

Creek Enrollment

The Enrollment Board would like to announce that there is no deadline on enrolling. Persons needing applications and instructions for enrolling as citizens may request them by writing:

CITIZENSHIP BOARD
P.O. BOX 580
OKMULGEE, OK. 74447

or by calling:
CITIZENSHIP BOARD OFFICE
918/756-8700 at the Creek
Nation Complex.



Photo By Helen Bennett

CHRISTOPHER DUNN was the winner of Okmulgee Indian Community's Halloween Costume Contest. Shown with Christopher is his father, George.

Haskell Alumni Holds Fall Festival Reunion

By Ethel Coleman Torres

The Oklahoma Chapter of the Haskell Indian Jr. College Alumni Association held their annual "Fall Festival" reunion at Western Hills Lodge, at Wagoner, Ok., Oct 8-9 with approximately 150 present. Betty Shannon, Tulsa was co-ordinator. Louise Bear, Checotah registered incoming members.

The Friday night reception was hosted by the officers and members of the Board. A cake decorated with a colorful Indian Chief in headdress was served at the reception.

The annual golf tournament started Saturday. Winners were: A Flight, Dan Amos 1st; Martin Sanders 2nd; Aron Baker 3rd. B Flight Randy Edmond 1st; Jay Moore 2nd; Louis Taylor 3rd. Dorma Hollis and Jim Thompson were in charge of the tournament.

Much of Saturday was also spent in registration, accepting memberships, selling projects and visiting. Saturday evening President, Calvin Daily, Seminole, gave the welcome and introductions of guests, officers, Board of Directors, past president. He acknowledged the Portland, Ore., Albuquerque, Washington, D.C. and Lawrence, Kansas chapters of the alumni association.

Dr. Gerald Gipp president of Haskell Jr. College emphasized his dinner speech with "Keeping the student in School". The need of support to the school by the Alumni Associations.

The Raffle was a success as was the sale for "Projects". The total will be announced later, with the money going to 12 scholarships recipients this year.

The 1982 membership closed out with 259 members. Sue Pepper, Creek Nation Hospital, Okemah, and John Edwards were in charge of membership. 1983 memberships are now being taken.

Mr. Louis Taylor, chairman of the Haskell Scholarship Committee spoke on the update of the Scholarship funds. Alvie Carney was elected as the '83 president. Most of the officers, and

Board will remain the same.

Mrs. Ethel Coleman Torres, Weleetka, presented the Dr. William H. Coleman Scholarship Fund to the college to be used by deserving grade and attendance wise students who have an emergency need financially. Mr. Taylor helped greatly this year (starting this fund one year ago this month). \$1,000. was presented to Mr. Taylor to take back to Haskell to be distributed as needed by the Committee.

Nutrition Education Program Scheduled

By Helen Bennett

With the implementation of the Creek Nation Commodity Food Program, a nutrition education project is underway. Judy Rolland, Creek Nation Nutrition Specialist, has been busy the past weeks preparing information and techniques she will use in her program to promote a more positive attitude toward improvement of nutritional benefits.

She will be conducting demonstrations in Creek communities to help families make better use of food resources such as the commodity program. Special demonstrations are planned in preparation of therapeutic diets to meet patient needs for persons with diabetes, heart disease, weight problems, and other conditions requiring a change in regular diet.

The Nutrition Program will promote and coordinate activities relative to improved nutritional status and community health. In the past, Indian physicians have found that Indians generally seek medical care only in crisis situations. Crisis medicine is a very costly way to go about becoming healthy.

The Creek Nation Nutrition Program will strengthen the role of preventive health measures through the nutrition services by planning programs to promote optimal health through proper diet.

National Council Meeting Approved Minutes August 28, 1982

INVOCATION: Helen Chupco. **CALL TO ORDER:** Kenneth Childers, Speaker
ROLL CALL: Eight members present. Helen Chupco, Andy Bible, Clarence Cloud, Carney Roberts, Richard Larney, Nelson Johnson, Thomas McIntosh, Kenneth Childers. A quorum was constituted with eight members present, and it was declared that all business transacted during this session would be considered valid and would be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as such.

READING OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Larney to approve the minutes with the recommended corrections as an amendment. Roll call vote. Seven in favor. Motion carried.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: Old Business: NCA 82-30 Judicial Code. A copy of this ordinance had been mailed prior to this meeting and had been discussed on several occasions. Due to such a lengthy ordinance, it was not read and a letter of recommendation was also distributed to the Council Members. The letter recommended that the Judicial Codes be approved. Motion was made by Chupco and seconded by Cloud to approve NCA 82-30. Roll call vote was taken with seven in favor. Motion carried.

New Business: NCA 82-48. Ordinance of the Muscogee Creek Nation Requesting Certain Information Be Conveyed to the National Council.
Section 101. The National Council finds that it is necessary for the members of the National Council to understand the salaried compensation of members of the tribal executive staff in order to properly consider other budget and proposals submitted to the National Council. **Section 102.** Prior to October 1, 1982, the Principal Chief shall submit to the National Council a list of all tribal positions and the names of the persons employed in those positions. **Section 103.** Prior to October 1, 1982, the Principal Chief shall submit to the National Council a list of all tribal positions and the salaries of wages being paid for those positions. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Chair entertained a motion. Motion made by Chupco and seconded by Roberts to approve NCA 82-48 as read. Roll call vote: Seven in favor. Motion carried.

Next Order Of Business: NCA 82-49. Ordinance of the Muscogee Creek Nation Establishing Penalties for Providing False Information to Any Tribal Program for the Purpose of Receiving any Tribal or Federal Benefit. Ordinance was read and considered as follows. **Section 101.** It shall be a violation of the civil laws of the Muscogee Nation for any person to provide false information to the Muscogee Nation (or any officer or employee of the Muscogee Nation) for the purpose of receiving any tribal or federal benefit administered by or through the Muscogee Nation. **Section 102.** Any person who has provided false information to the Muscogee Nation for the purpose of receiving a benefit may be disqualified by a Director responsible for that program by the Executive Director, upon finding by the officer that a preponderance of the evidence indicates the information was false. The disqualification shall extend only to the program affected, and shall not be less than 30 days nor more than 365 days in length. **Section 103.** Any person who is determined to be in violation of this Ordinance a third time shall be subject to disqualification according to the terms of Section 102 of this Ordinance from all tribal programs. **Section 104.** Disqualification by Directors or by the Executive Director may be appealed to the District Court of the Muscogee Nation, which shall hear the case de novo, subject to appeal to the Supreme Court of the Muscogee Nation. **Section 105.** Disqualification of any individual shall not disqualify the other members of the household of that individual. In the case of houses with disqualified individuals, tribal programs shall not consider the income or resources of the disqualified individuals when considering the application of other members of the household for benefits. **Section 106.** Administrative proceeding required by the Commodity Distribution Program, are required to be completed prior to the filing of any action in District Court. Ordinance having been read, discussion was held. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Roberts to make an amendment to the Ordinance by deleting Section 105 completely and changing the 106 to Section 105. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by unanimous vote of approval the amendment was approved and will be recorded as such. The Chair entertained a motion for the approval/disapproval of NCA 82-49. A motion was made by Larney to approve NCA 82-49 as read after the amendment. Johnson seconded the motion. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

Next Order of Business: NCA 82-50. Ordinance of the Muscogee Creek Nation Consenting to the Cherokee Nation Proposal to Contract Responsibilities of the U.S. Indian Health Service for Community Indian Health Service for Community Health Nursing at Claremore Indian Health Service Unit. The Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** Findings: The National Council finds that: (A) The U.S. Indian Health Service offers, through the Claremore Indian Health Service Unit, a program of Community Health Nursing which benefits the Muscogee Nation. (B) The Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma has requested that the Muscogee Nation consents to the Cherokee Nation operation of the Community Health Nursing Program. (C) The Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma has supported the self-determination proposal of the Muscogee Nation to operate the Eufaula Clinic of the U.S. Indian Health Service. (D) The Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma deserves the support of the Muscogee Nation in this contract application. **Section 102.** The authorities of this Ordinance consenting to the Cherokee Nation operation of Community Health Nursing Services are contingent upon the following: (A) The Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma shall operate the contract. (B) The scope of contract shall be Community Health Nursing Services provided by the U.S. Indian Health Service, Claremore Service Unit. (C) The Indian Health Service shall send copies of all correspondence concerning the consideration and implementation of the contract to the Principal Chief of the Muscogee Nation. (D) The term of the contract shall not exceed one year. (E) The contract may commence at any time prior to one year from the date of this

ordinance. (F) Delegations and limitations upon authorities granted to the Cherokee Nation, other than listed above, or limited to:

- (1) The Cherokee Nation shall have access to Indian Health Services records which would otherwise require consent by the Muscogee Nation.
- (2) The contract may be recontracted annually for periods of one (1) year.
- (3) The contract may be retroceded without the consent of the Muscogee Nation; Provided that the Muscogee Nation reserves the right to reassume the contract by ordinance, should the Cherokee Nation retrocede the contract.
- (4) There shall be no limitations by the Muscogee Nation on the right of the Cherokee Nation to appeal under self-determination regulation.

(G) The authorities granted by this Ordinance shall continue until revoked by Ordinance. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. Discussion having been held, the Chair entertained a motion. Motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Chupco to approve NCA 82-50 as read. A motion having been duly made, and seconded, a Roll Call vote was taken. Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried.

NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS.

NCA 82-51 An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation approving an Attorney contract with Geoffrey M. Standing Bear was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The contract between the Muscogee Nation and Geoffrey M. Standing Bear, Attorney at Law, dated August 28, 1982 is hereby ratified by the Muscogee Nation. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is directed to make such modifications to the budget and scope of services to the 1982 and 1983 BIA Other Rights Protection contracts as are necessary to implement the purposes of this ordinance. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. With discussion having been held the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Johnson to approve NCA 82-51 as read. A motion having been duly made, and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried.

NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS:

NCA 82-52 An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Establishing the 1983 Tribal Programs Guidelines was read and considered as follows:

Section 101. This Ordinance establishes guidelines for the expenditure of the Fiscal Year 1983 Tribal funds appropriated for the purpose of "Tribal Programs". **Section 102.** Prior to November 1, 1982 enrolled Muscogee Indians who were tribal officers, or persons employed by the Muscogee Nation between July 1, 1980 and November 10, 1980, who have claims for wages and salaries which were earned or expenses which were incurred yet were not paid by the Muscogee Nation, may file a claim against the Muscogee Nation in the District Court of the Muscogee Nation setting out the amount of wages or salaries they believe are due to them. **Section 103.** The District Court shall provide the Executive Director of the Muscogee Nation with a list of all claims filed prior to November 1, 1982 and the Executive Director shall have thirty (30) days to report to the District Court with copies of all relevant personnel documents or other files which pertain to the claim. At the time of such report, the Executive Director shall recommend whether the claim be valid and a recommended amount of settlement. **Section 104.** The District Court shall hold such non-jury proceedings as it believes necessary to reach a decision on each claim. **Section 105.** Claims awarded by the District Court under this Ordinance shall be paid by the Controller to each person determined by the Court and in the amount awarded. **Section 106.** An amount of not more than \$2,400 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of payment of claims under Section 105 of this Ordinance. The Court shall not award a total of more than \$2,400 for all claims awarded under Section 105. In the event the total of awarded claims would exceed \$2,400, the Court shall pro rate each award proportionately. **Section 107.** An amount of not more than \$4,800 is hereby appropriated for the purpose of increasing the compensation of Representatives to the Muscogee National Council by an amount of \$50.00 per month. **Section 108.** Effective October 1, 1982, Tribal Ordinance NCA 81-23 as amended is hereby further amended at Section 101 to read: The compensation of Representatives to the National Council of the Muscogee Nation is hereby established at \$200 per month for each month in which the Representatives attends two or more National Council meetings. **Section 109.** Any funds appropriated under this ordinance which are not expended (or needed for National Council Compensation) prior to July 1, 1983, may be expended for the purpose of supplies and equipment for the tribal library. The Chair entertained discussion, or questions. With discussions being held, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Chupco to add the word "Stipend" to the sentence in Section 102. Larney seconded the motion for amendment. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion Carried.

Further discussion was held. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by McIntosh and seconded by Roberts to amend this ordinance in Section 102 by Changing November 1, 1980 to August 28, 1980. Upon a motion duly made, and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against, and no abstentions. Motions carried. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by McIntosh to adopt NCA 82-52 as read after all amendments were approved. A motion duly made, and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Five in favor, one abstention, and one against. Results were: Chupco-Yea, Bible-Yea, Roberts-Yea, McIntosh-Yea, Johnson-Abstain, Cloud-Yea, and Larney-No. Motion carried.

NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS:

NCA 82-53 An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Amending the Tribal Contracts Ordinance to Authorize Additional Contracts for Services, was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The 1983 Tribal Contracts Ordinance as amended (NCA 82-38) is hereby further amended at Section 153. (A) (2) as follows: (A) Add a new paragraph (C), to read: HHS Block Grants-Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program. (B) Add a new paragraph (d) to read: HHS Block Grants-Community Services. The Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Larney to adopt NCA 82-53 as read, seconded by Bible. A motion duly made, and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor. Motion carried.

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J.O.M. Essay Contest Rules

SUBJECT: Treaty With The Creeks, 1833
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TREATY DAY: Essay Contest on 1833 Treaty

The past five year, the Muscogee Nation has celebrated the twenty treaties and four agreements between the Nation and the United States by holding a special discussion of these Treaties on August 7, the anniversary of the first Treaty, the Treaty of 1790.

The year 1983 is special because it is the 150th birthday of the 1833 Treaty which first established the boundaries of the Muscogee Nation in the Indian Territory, and is the basis for the location of the Muscogee Nation today.

Because of this, the Creek Festival Committee believed it would be important to have a special observation of the 1833 Treaty on February 14, 1983. The event which the Committee believes would help involve the largest number of Muscogee (Creek) students would be an essay contest.

All Muscogee (Creek) Indian students who are enrolled in the 10th, 11th or 12th grades are eligible to enter the contest. Prizes will be awarded to the first, second, and third entries, and up to ten Honorable Mention essays will be recognized.

RULES FOR ESSAY CONTEST FOR TREATY DAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1983

1. Students who enter the essay contest must be Muscogee (Creek) Indian by blood. Each student must submit:

- a. a copy of their tribal enrollment card, or
- b. a copy of their BIA Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood or
- c. a letter from their Indian parent committee verifying that the student is Muscogee (Creek) Indian by blood.

2. Students who enter the essay contest must be currently enrolled in the 10th, 11th or 12th grade of high school.

3. All essays must be neatly written or typed.

4. All essays must be received in the tribal library before the close of business (5:00 P.M.) on Tuesday, February 1, 1983. Essays which are mailed must have a U.S. Postmark of no later than Friday, January 28, 1983.

5. All essays will be judged solely by Robert Trepp, Director of Policy and Research. No relatives of Mr. Trepp are eligible for the contest.

6. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third Prize, up to ten (10) Honorable Mentions will also be awarded.

7. All essays will be judged on their direct relation to the 1833 Treaty which established the Indian Territory lands of the Muscogee Nation.

Treaty With The Creeks, 1833

TREATY WITH THE CREEKS, 1833: Articles of agreement and convention, made and concluded at Fort Gibson, between Montfort Stokes, Henry L. Ellsworth and John F. Schermerhorn, Commissioners on the part of the United States, and the undersigned Chiefs and Head-men of the Muskogee or Creek Nation of Indians, this 14th day of February, A.D. 1833.

Whereas, certain articles of a treaty were concluded at the City of Washington, on the 24th day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, by and between James Barbour, Secretary of War, on behalf of the United States, and the Chiefs and head-men of the Creek Nation of Indians; by which it is agreed that the said Indians shall remove to a country west of the Mississippi river; and whereas the sixth article of said treaty provides as follows: "that a deputation of five persons shall be sent by them, (the Creek Nation) at the expense of the United States, immediately after the ratification of the treaty, to examine the country west of the Mississippi, not within the limits of the States or Territories, and not possessed by the Choctaws or Cherokees. And the United States agree to purchase for them, if the same can conveniently be done upon reasonable terms, wherever they may select, a country, whose extent shall in the opinion of the President, be proportioned to their numbers. And if such purchase can not be thus made, it is then proper, just reference being had to the wishes of the emigrating party". And whereas, the Creek Indians aforesaid, did send five persons as delegates, to explore the country pointed out to them by their treaty; which delegates selected a country west of the Territory of Arkansas, lying and being along and between the Verdigris, Arkansas, and Canadian rivers; and to the country thus selected, a party of the Creek Indians emigrated the following year. And whereas certain articles of treaty or convention, were concluded at the city of Washington on the 6th day of May, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, by and between James Barbour Secretary of War, on behalf of the United States, and certain chiefs and head-men of the Cherokee nation of Indians; by the second article of which convention, a country was assigned to the Cherokee Indians aforesaid, including within its boundaries some of the lands previously selected and claimed by the Creek Indians, under their treaty aforesaid. And whereas, the President and Senate of the United States, for the purpose of protecting the rights secured to the Creek Indians, by their treaty stipulations, and with a view to prevent collision and misunderstanding between the two nations, ratified and confirmed the Cherokee treaty, on the 28th day of May, 1828, with the following proviso: viz. — "Provided, nevertheless, that the said convention shall not be so construed as to extend the northern boundary of the perpetual outlet west, provided for and guaranteed in the second article of said convention, north of the 36th deg. of north latitude, or so as to interfere with the lands assigned, or to be assigned, west of the Mississippi river to the Creek Indians, who have emigrated or may emigrate from the States of Georgia and Alabama, under the provisions of any treaty or treaties heretofore concluded between the United States and the Creek Tribe of Indians: And provided further, that nothing in the said convention shall be construed to cede or assign to the Cherokees any lands heretofore ceded or assigned to any tribe or tribes of Indians, by any treaty now existing and in force, with any such tribe or tribes." And whereas the said proviso and ratification of the Cherokee treaty, was accepted by the delegates of the nation, then at the City of Washington as satisfactory to them, as is shown in and by their certain instrument in writing, bearing date the 31st day of May 1828, appended to and published with their treaty aforesaid, afterwards, the Cherokees of Arkansas and many of those residing east of the Mississippi at the same time that treaty

was concluded, removed to the country described in the second article of their treaty and settled upon a certain portion of the and claimed by the Creek Indians under their boundary lines, which occasioned an appeal to the President of the United States for his interposition, and final settlement of the question, which they were unable to settle between themselves. And whereas the commissioners of the United States, whose names are signed hereto, to pursuance of the power and authority vested in them by the President of the United States, met the chiefs and head-men of the Cherokee and Creek nations of Indians, in council, on the 29th ultimo; and after a full and patient hearing and careful examination of all the claims, set up and brought forward by both the contending parties, they have this day effected an adjustment of all their difficulties, and have succeeded in defining and establishing boundary lines to their country west of the Mississippi, which have been acknowledged, in open council, this day to be mutually satisfactory to both nations.

Now, therefore, for the purpose of securing the great objects contemplated by an amicable settlement of the difficulties heretofore existing between the Cherokee and Muskogee or Creek Indians, so injurious to both parties; and in order to establish boundary lines which will secure a country and permanent home to the whole Creek nation of Indians, including the Seminole nation who are anxious to join them, the undersigned commissioners, duly authorized to act on behalf of the United States, and the Chiefs and head-men of the said Muskogee or Creek Indians, having full power and authority to act for their people west of the Mississippi, hereby agree to the following articles:

Art. I — Peace and friendship: The Muskogee or Creek Indians, west of the Mississippi declare themselves to be the friends and allies of the United States, under whose parental care and protection they desire to continue: and that they are anxious to live in peace and friendship not only with their neighbors and brothers, the Cherokees, but with all the surrounding tribes of Indians.

Art. II — Bounds of the grants to the Creeks: The United States hereby agree, by and with the consent of the Creek and Cherokee delegates, this day obtained, that the Muskogee or Creek country west of the Mississippi, shall be embraced within the following boundaries, viz:— Beginning at the mouth of the north fork of the Canadian river, and run northerly four miles thence running a straight line so as to meet a line drawn from the south bank of the Arkansas river opposite to the east or lower bank of Grand river, as its junction with the Arkansas, and which runs a course south, 44 deg. west, one mile, to a post place in the ground—thence along said line to the Arkansas, and up the same and the Verdigris river, to where the old territorial line crosses it—thence along said line north to a point twenty-five miles from the Arkansas river where the old territorial line crosses the same—thence running a line at right angles with the territorial line aforesaid, or west to the Mexico line—thence along the said line southerly to the Canadian river or to the boundary of the Choctaw country—thence down said river to the place of beginning. The lines, hereby defining the country of the Muskogee Indians on the north and east, bound the country of the Cherokees along these courses, as settled by the treaty concluded this day between the United States and that tribe.

Art. III—United States will convey in fee simple: The United States will grant a patent, in fee simple, to the Creek nation of Indians for the land assigned said nation by this treaty or convention, whenever the same shall have been ratified by the President and Senate of the United States—and the right thus guaranteed by the United States shall be continued to said tribe of Indians, so long as they shall exist as a nation, and continue to occupy the country hereby assigned them.

Art. IV — The whole Creek nation and the Seminoles interested: It is hereby mutually understood and agreed between the parties to this treaty, that the land assigned to the Muskogee Indians, by the second article therefore, shall be taken and considered the property of the whole Muskogee or Creek nation, as well of those now residing upon the land, as the great body of said nation who still remain on the east side of the Mississippi: and it is also understood and agreed that the Seminole Indians of Florida, whose removal to this country is provided for by their treaty with the U.S. dated May 9th, 1832, shall also have a permanent and comfortable home on the lands hereby set apart as the country of the Creek nation: and they (the Seminoles) will hereafter be considered a constituent part of said nation, but are to be located on some part of the Creek country by themselves—which location will be selected for them by the commissioners who have signed these articles of agreement or convention.

Art. V — Additional blacksmith, etc., to be furnished by United States: As an evidence of the kind feeling of the United States towards the Muskogee Indians and as a testimonial of the (their) gratification with the present amicable and satisfactory adjustment of their difficulties with the Cherokees, experienced by the commissioners, they agree on behalf of the United States, to furnish to the Creek Indians west of the Mississippi, one blacksmith and one wheelwright or wagon maker, as soon as they may be required by the nation, in addition to those already employed—also, to erect shops and furnish tools for the same and supply the smith shops with one ton of iron and two hundred and fifty pounds of steel each; and allow the said Creek Indians, annually, for education purposes, the sum of the one thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the President of the United States—the whole of the above grants to be continued so long as the President may consider them conducive to the interest and welfare of the Creek Indians: And the United States will also cause to be erected, as soon as conveniently can be done, four patent railway mills, for grinding corn; and will immediately purchase for them twenty-four cross-cut saws. It being distinctly understood, however, that the grants thus made to the Creek Indians, by this article, are intended solely for the use and benefit of that portion of the Creek nation, who are now settled west of the Mississippi.

Art. VI — Improvements left to be paid for: The United States agree that improvements which the Creek Indians may be required to leave, in consequence of the boundary lines this day settle between their people and the Cherokees, shall be valued with as little delay as possible, and a fair and reasonable price paid for the same by the United States.

Art. VII — Friendly Indians may use the salt plains: It is hereby agreed by the Creek nation, parties hereto, that if the saline or salt plains on the great western prairies, should come within the boundaries defined by this agreement, as the country of the Creek nation, ten, and in that case the President of the United States, shall have the power to permit all other friendly Indian tribes to visit said salt plains and procure thereon and carry away salt sufficient for their subsistence, without hindrance or molestation from the said Creek Indians.

Art. VIII — The land granted in lieu of former grant: It is agreed by the parties to this convention, that the country hereby provided for the Creek Indians, shall be taken in lieu of and considered to be the country provided or intended to be provided, by the treaty made between the United States and the Creek nation on the 24th day of January 1826, under which they removed to this country.

Art. IX — Treaty binding when ratified: This agreement shall be binding and obligatory upon the contracting parties, as soon as the same shall be ratified and confirmed by the President and Senate of the United States.

Done in open council, at Fort Gibson, this 14th day of February, A.D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.

August Minutes Continued . . .

NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Items for consideration.

The Chair entertained a motion to place NCA 82-54 on the agenda for consideration during this session. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bible to place NCA 82-54 on the Agenda. A motion having been duly made, and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. NCA 82-54 was placed on the agenda and was read and considered as follows:

Section 101. Finding. The National Council finds that: The ability of the Tribal Store to maintain a favorable marketing position would be improved by opening the Tribal Store to persons who are not enrolled members of the Muscogee Nation. B. Opening sales at the Tribal store to non-members will require that the Muscogee Nation collect state taxes on non-members and forward such collections to the State of Oklahoma.

C. The Muscogee Nation must assure its enrolled members that their right to conduct business with their tribal government free from state regulations or taxation is protected in their transactions at the Tribal Store.

Section 102. The Tribal Store shall apply to the State of Oklahoma, Tax Commission, for a permit to collect state and municipal taxes on sales.

Section 103. If the application in section 102 is approved, the Principal Chief may, by executive order, open the Tribal Store for sales to persons who are not enrolled members of the Muscogee Nation.

Section 104. Upon issuance of the executive order in section 103, the following requirements shall become effective upon the Tribal Store:

A. Enrolled members of the Muscogee Nation shall not be charged state tax on their purchases of tobacco or other products of the Tribal Store.

B. Persons who are not enrolled members of the Muscogee Nation shall be charged, and required to pay, the following taxes: (1) All applicable state and municipal taxes on sales, (2) All applicable state taxes on tobacco and beer, (3) All applicable tribal taxes on sales by the Tribal Store.

The Ordinance having been read and considered the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Johnson to postpone NCA 82-54 until after the Planning Session. A motion having been duly made, and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

Next Item for Consideration: An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Requiring the Adoption of Personnel Policies and Procedures. The Chair

entertained a motion to place this item on the agenda for consideration. A motion was made by Roberts and seconded by Bible to place this item on the agenda for consideration during this session. A motion having been duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by unanimous vote of approval the Ordinance was read and seconded and by unanimous vote of approval the Ordinance was placed on the agenda and given the number NCA 82--55. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation requiring the

Adoption of Personnel Policies and Procedures. **Section 101.** Prior to October 1, 1982, the Principal Chief shall approve a Comprehensive "Personnel Policy and Procedures" which shall be applicable to all employees of the legislative and judicial branches of tribal government, and to all employees of the executive branch of tribal government except the Housing Authority. **Section 102.** The "Personnel Policy and Procedures" shall establish guidelines on recruitment, hiring, wages and salaries, fringe benefits, employees travel and personnel actions such as transfer, wages and salary review, probation, suspension and termination. **Section 103.** The Muscogee Nation reserves the right to adopt by Ordinance additional provisions which supplement or alter provisions of the Personnel Policy and Procedures adopted under the Ordinance. **Section 104.** The "Personnel Policy and Procedures" adopted by Principal Chief, except as hereafter amended by Ordinance, shall be subject to such administrative appeals as may be established within the "Personnel Policy and Procedures", provided that upon completion of said administrative appeals, the District Court of the Muscogee Nation shall accept complaints for review of unresolved question. **Section 105.** The "Personnel Policy and Procedures" shall prohibit nepotism, shall prohibit conflicts of interest, shall prohibit discrimination in employment on any basis other than the tribal ordinance on Indian Preference NCA 81-40 as amended by NCA 81-72. **Section 106.** Prior to January 1, 1983, the Housing Authority shall review "Personnel Policy and Procedures" and shall adopt all procedural guidelines which are applicable (allowing for changes in institutional titles and authorities), and shall adopt comparable substantive guidelines. Upon adoption by the Housing Authority, such policies shall be subject to the provisions of Section 104 of this Ordinance. **Section 107.** Any contract entered into between the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and Bureau of Indian Affairs for the performance of Bureau of Indian Affairs services shall be bound and controlled by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Indian Preference Ordinance NCA 82-40 as amended. **Section 108.** Any staffing or employment of personnel under said contracts shall be implemented in conformity with the Personnel Policy and Procedures of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Indian Preference Ordinance NCA 82-40, as amended. Failure to abide by the provisions of this section shall render such contract null and void. The ordinance having been read the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Larney and seconded by Bible to postpone NCA 82-55 indefinitely. A motion having been duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Seven in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

Other Business:

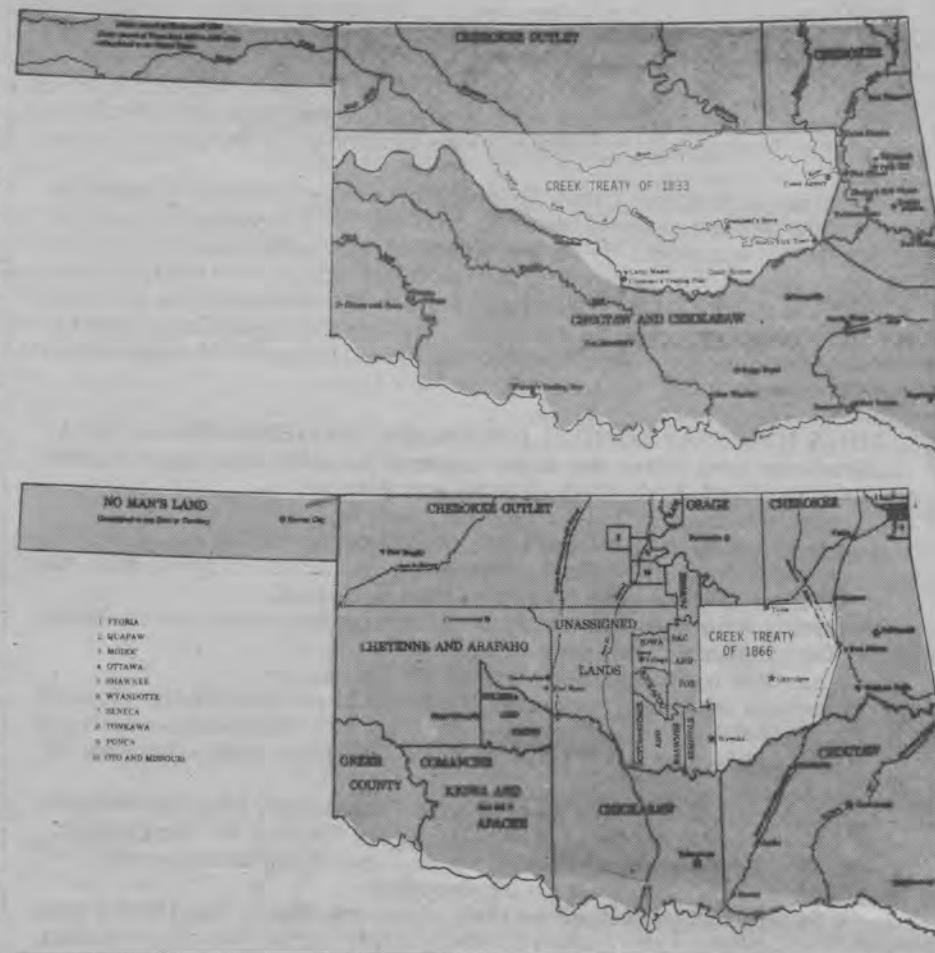
At the conclusions of consideration of ordinances the floor was opened for other business. The floor was turned over to the Principal Chief who touched briefly on various activities taking place within the Creek Nation.

Reports, Announcements, Etc.

The date for the Planning Session was set for September 13, 1982 at 6:30 P.M. in the auditorium located in the Mound Building.

Benediction: Nettie Scott. Meeting adjourned.

Maps Of Lands Belonging To Creek Nation Before And After 1833 Creek Treaty



NATIONAL INDIAN NEWS

White Mountain Apache Tribe Begins Operation of Tribal Radio Station:

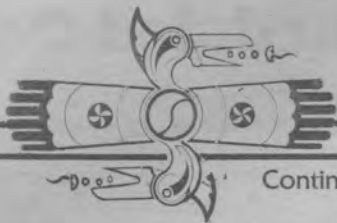
White Mountain Apache Tribal Chairman Ronnie Lupe ceremonially pulled the switches, September 11, to initiate operation of a tribally-owned and operated radio. The non-commercial FM station, KNNB broadcasts daily from 6 a.m. to midnight. Programming now consists of recorded music and news in English and Apache. The tribe began planning for the station in 1978 and began training in radio operations for seven members of the tribe in November 1980.

Navajos Sue For 1.9 Million Acres In New Mexico:

The Navajo Tribe filed suit October 6 in Federal court seeking 1.9 million acres in northwestern New Mexico which the tribe charged was illegally taken from them by the Federal government. The land includes some of the state's richest coal reserves. The land being sought would nearly triple the New Mexico Reservation. The land was given to the tribe by executive orders signed by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1907 and 1908. A subsequent law, passed by Congress in 1908, provided for the land to be returned to the public domain once all the Indians in the area had been given an allotment. The suit claims that only about half of the Indians received allotments when the allotment program was ended and the rest of the land proclaimed by Presidents Roosevelt and William Howard Taft to be part of the public domain. Defendants in the suit are the United States and various private owners. It is anticipated that the suit will involve more than 1,000 landowners in northwestern New Mexico.

Korczak Ziolkowski Eulogized As A Man Of Legends, Dreams, Visions and Greatness--

(Crazy Horse, S.D.)--Famed Crazy Horse Sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski was eulogized recently as a visionary who "unlike those who see things as they are and say why, looked and saw things as they could be and said, why not." Those were the words of Father William O'Connell of Spearfish, S.D., a family friend, who officiated at the funeral of Korczak who died at the age of 74. The colossal mountain carving now in progress on which the sculptor worked the last 35 years was the majestic backdrop for the services attended by an estimated 1,600 people. O'Connell said "Looking out at the mountain we see the arduous task ahead to complete this epic dream. It will not be finished in the lifetimes of many of us--but let us promise now that we will do all we can do to see that it is completed--so help us God." The sculptor, anticipating the possibility he might be killed in his dangerous work on the mountain, years ago prepared three books of detailed plans for the mountain carving, and always insisted a competent engineer could use the books to complete Crazy Horse. His final words to his wife were, "You must keep building. The only good is in building. Crazy Horse must be finished. You must work on the mountain, but slowly, so you do it right."



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Special Election Set For McIntosh District

Chief Claude Cox has called for a Special Election to be conducted December 18 for the McIntosh District of Creek Nation. The election is required by Creek law to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Thomas McIntosh from the Muscogee (Creek) National Council.

Under provisions of the Muscogee Constitution, a candidate to the National Council is required to be a full citizen and registered voter of Creek Nation. They must be 18 years or older and must have legal residency in the district for which they are filing.

Two candidates have filed for the Council position, Jack Rumsey and Sandy McIntosh, the brother of Thomas McIntosh who resigned. At press time, no information on McIntosh had been submitted to the

MNN office. The following is voter's information on Jack Rumsey.

Jack N. Rumsey, a Creek citizen, was born and raised in Stidham, Oklahoma. He currently resides there with his wife. Rumsey recently retired after 30 years of service with the federal government.

During his career he worked directly with Indian people in a variety of job positions and locations. Rumsey stated his experience with tribal programs and his positive attitude toward tribal government will enable him to be a strong voice for the people of McIntosh District.

"The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has made progress in recent years to serve our people," states candidate Rumsey. "I pledge that, if elected, I will work closely with the tribal government, agencies and all concerned to better meet the needs of Creek citizens".

Rumsey declared that he would strive to insure a fair and open legislative process that will benefit, not only the Indian people in McIntosh District, but all Creek people.

There will be four polls open from 7:00 a.m. til 7:00 p.m. At Eufaula, registered Creeks may vote at the old Creek Nation Manpower office. At Checotah, voting will be at Creek Nation Day Care Center. Other places are Hanna Town Hall and Ryal School.

B.I.A. Programs Contracted by C.N.

Principal Chief Claude Cox announced that the Muscogee (Creek) Nation has assumed the program operations of the Okmulgee Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Under Public Law 93-638, the Indian Self-Determination Act, a tribal government may choose to provide services currently being provided by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Service.

"The operation of the new programs by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is a great step towards self-government for our people," stated Chief Cox.

Beginning in December, 1982, such programs as Housing, Realty, Social Services, Adult Vocational Training, Employment Assistance, and Agriculture. The new programs will supplement the fifteen programs currently under contract from the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"Earlier this year, the tribal government began operating Indian Health Service clinic in Sapulpa, Okemah and Eufaula," Chief Cox said. "The control of service programs by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation will eliminate duplications and gaps in services. I am sure that this approach will be of increased benefit to the Creek people."

Festival Committee Sponsoring Contest

The Creek Nation Festival Committee is sponsoring a logo contest for the 1983 Annual Creek Festival to be held the third weekend of June.

A \$100 cash prize will be given to the winner of the contest. Eligibility is limited to Indian students in grades 5 through 12, nationwide.

Deadline for entries is January 13, 1983. Selection will be made February 15. Awards will be amde at this time. Mail all entries to: Creek Nation Festival Committee, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee OK 74447. Entries will be retained by Creek Nation unless otherwise indicated by the artist.



SENATOR DAVID BOREN ON A RECENT VISIT TO THE CREEK TRIBAL COMPLEX is shown congratulating Chief Cox on the Certificate of Conformance in Financial Reporting award to Creek Nation. Senator Boren stated, "The accomplishments of the Creek Nation under your (Chief Cox's) leadership are indeed impressive."

C.N. is First Indian Tribe in U.S. to Receive Prestigious Certification

A certificate of Conformance in Financial Reporting was recently awarded to Muscogee (Creek) Nation by the Municipal Finance Officers Associations, announced Principal Chief Claude Cox.

In order to be awarded the certificate, a government must publish a readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Report, with contents conforming to program standards. The report must satisfy both general accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

The Certification of Conformance is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental financial reporting. The Muscogee (Creek) Nation is the first Indian tribal government in the United States to achieve the award; also the first to be awarded to any local and state unit within Oklahoma, including the cities of Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

Chief Cox said, "The certification represents a significant accomplishment by the Creek Government and its management." He added "The tribal report, which includes tribal government operations, the Creek Hospital, tribal business enterprises and tribal service programs was prepared and submitted to the tribal council to inform tribal leaders and constituents of the financial status of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The report was evaluated by an impartial review committee of government finance officers, certified public accountants, educators and others with particular expertise in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

"The Muscogee (Creek) Nation has long served as a model for tribal government," stated Chief Cox. "We are pleased to accept the award in the spirit of continuing progress for the Creek people."

Merry Christmas!



Tracing Indian Family Histories Workshop Scheduled Dec. 10

NORMAN--The serious need for better tribal histories and a more complete knowledge of Indian ancestry is the motivation for an upcoming workshop at the University of Oklahoma.

"Tracing Indian Family Histories: A 'How-To' Workshop," sponsored by OU's American Indian Institute, is set for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 10-11, at the Oklahoma Center for Continuing Education, 1700 Asp Ave.

Expert help will be offered to persons interested in tracing their family tree. With guidance from Indian historian Duane K. Hale and several authorities on Indian geneological research, participants will gain skills needed for carrying out effective family historical research while learning to overcome obstacles unique to Indian family studies.

Both economic and cultural reasons exist for improving knowledge about Indian ancestry, Hale said.

"The tribes need to know who is eligible to become tribal members," he said, noting that federal and school funding depend on such determinations. "Individually, there are many Indian people who don't even know who their great-grandparents are."

In the Indian boarding schools of the late 19 and early 20th centuries, efforts to assimilate children into white society often included changing their names. Even before the schools were founded, however, many tribes did not pass surnames from generation to generation, Hale said. As a result, Indian geneological research is complex and difficult.

"We hope to let people know not only where the archival records are at the federal, state and local levels, but how to use them -- what they'll find, how the information is presented, and how to use the information," he said.

Participants will hear seven consultants speak on their own geneological and historical research, including Grace Thorpe of the Sac and Fox Tribe, who will speak on "Writing the Family History of My Father: Jim Thorpe."

Other topics are: "Special Problems in Doing Indian Family Geneology" with Sharron Ashton, an Indian geneologist from Norman. "Identifying Tribal Members for Legal Claims" with John Moore, OU associate professor of anthropology. "Searching Cherokee Records" with Jack D. Baker, Cherokee geneologist from Oklahoma City. "Problems in Osage Family Reconstruction" with Dan Swain of the Oklahoma Historical Society. "Constructing the Modoc Tribal Roll: An Exercise in Indian Geneology" with Patricia Trolinger, Modoc tribal historian from Miami. "Comparative Approaches to Researching Caddo and Cherokee Family Histories" with Howard Meredith, executive director of the Cookson Institute in Oklahoma City.

The consultants also will answer participants' questions and help with individual research problems.

A tour of OU's Western History Collections, a leading repository of books, manuscripts, oral histories and photo archives relating to Indians and the American West, is scheduled during the workshop. The collections hold information on numerous tribes, including the Kaw, Cherokee, Creek, Cheyenne, Arapaho, Pawnee, Ponca,

Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, Pottawatomie, Quapaw, Sac and Fox, Seminole, Seneca, Shawnee, Eastern Cherokee, Shoshoni and Osage.

The workshop is open to amateur geneologists as well as experienced researchers. Its registration fee is \$95 per person, with housing and meals on the OU campus available for an additional charge. Further information is available from Hale or Jan Simmons of the American Indian Institute, 555 Constitution Ave., Norman, Ok. 73037; telephone 405/325-1711.

Hale hopes the session will lead to a series of history-related workshops. "The institute is trying to be a facilitator, and I'm trying to facilitate the tribes' efforts to place more emphasis on their heritage," he said.

"We want to do a series of workshops showing how to set up archives -- the legal aspects, the building and architectural design, collecting materials, preservation, setting up displays, and curriculum development -- to make these things available to Indian young people," Hale said.

"The young people will lose their heritage," he said, "unless the tribes take positive steps to preserve it."



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Thanks to Creek Nation Community Services Mgr.

To Steve Wilson:

Thank you so much for arranging for the wonderful program you presented to us for Oklahoma Statehood Day. All the students and staff enjoyed it very much. It is so great to have citizens like yourself who are interested in the welfare of school children and are willing to be of service in the process of their education. Thanks again for your help and kindness!

Sincerely yours,

James O. Sutton, Principal
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Creek/Seminole Hymn Books For Sale

Seminole & Creek Hymn Books - \$3.00 (prepaid) Testament (Mucvsat) - \$5.00 (prepaid). Place order with Amanda Middleton, Creek Nation Resource Library in the Tribal Complex, Okmulgee, Oklahoma or send check or money order to: Dan Phillips, Rt. 2 Box 234, Stidham, Ok. 74461.

CN Management Services To Install Mini Computer

The Creek Nation Department of Management Information Services has announced the acquisition of a new computer system.

The new system (NCR 9020 Mini Computer) is expected to be fully operational by mid January 1982. Improved processing performance, greater processing flexibility and increased storage capabilities were the main considerations in deciding to upgrade to the new system, stated Rick Kelly Supervisor M.I.S. "Due to today's computer technology the cost of increasing hardware capabilities has actually decreased in the last couple of years." "This coupled with the ever increasing management information demands of user departments best reflects our decision to upgrade the entire system."

National Council Schedule Sessions

The National Council acting a committee of the whole has set December 8, 1982 at 6:30 P.M. as the date for their next planning session. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located in the Mound Building.

During the planning session an agenda for the regular scheduled meeting will be discussed. Any and all materials or questions submitted by the Administration or Creek citizens will also be discussed.

The regular scheduled meeting will be held on December 18, 1982 beginning at 10:00 A.M., in the Auditorium, also located in the Mound Building.

The Planning session and regular scheduled meetings are open to the public and all Creek citizens are welcome to attend.

C.N. Health Centers Contract Lab Services

On December 1, the Eufaula and Sapulpa Health Centers began a contract with International Clinical Lab Services of Tulsa which will greatly expand the Clinic labs services.

With the new lab service, pickups of lab specimens will be later in the day, allowing more specimens to be collected during the day. Also, computer terminals have been installed in each facility so that each morning when the clinic opens, the results of the previous days specimens will be printed out on the terminal. This will enable the lab technicians to obtain faster results of lab tests that must be sent out. Lab results were previously not available until late in the afternoon.

As part of this new agreement, also, monthly quality control checks will be given on existing clinic lab machines. This service and quality control measure, meets or exceeds present JCAH accreditation standards.

JOB OPENING

Wanted Family Practitioner for Eufaula Indian Health Clinic in Eufaula, Oklahoma. Must be licensed in state of Oklahoma. 40 hours per week for clinic coverage. Salary negotiable. Contact Linda Lowe, Physician Recruitment officer, Creek Nation Community Hospital, P.O. Box 228, Okemah, Ok. 74859 or call collect 918/623-1424.

OIC Christmas Dinner Scheduled December 13

The Okmulgee Indian Community will be having their Christmas Dinner and Program Dec. 13, 1982. The people of the community will be bring a covered dish and the community will furnish the main dish. Rev. George Miller will be our speaker, for this event.

The dedication of the Community Building will be scheduled at a later date.

New Look For Lobby At Creek Hospital; Open House Scheduled

Open house will be held at the newly redecorated Creek Nation Community Hospital lobby on December 12 from 2 til 3 p.m. in memory of Polly Seran, one of the founders of the hospital's Ladie's Auxillary. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend.

C.N. Christmas Dinner Scheduled December 17

The Elderly Nutrition Program will be having their Christmas Dinner for the Senior Citizens of Creek Nation on December 17, 1982, beginning with a 11:30 service. The Speaker will be Rev. Lee Chupco.

EDUCATION

Okmulgee High School

Reprint From Title IV Newsletter "The Drumbeat"

This is the first issue of our monthly Title IV-A Newsletter. Our goal is to keep you, the Indian parents better informed on what is going on in and about the school and community. Here is some background concerning the newsletter. Last year the High school Career Class elected the name and logo of "Drumbeat". The staff will consist of students at both the Middle and High School, working with the counselors of Title IV-A. The students will be writing articles, gathering both school and community news, typing and performing other tasks. We feel in order to have a successful newsletter, we will need your support and cooperation. If you have announcements and other information you would like to share with us, please let us know. The newsletter will be printed once a month. We will always be open for suggestions and comments on how to improve our newsletter.

New Staff

Mrs. Sue Tiger, who is from the Twin Hills Community, is married and has a son 5 months old. She began teaching in the Twin Hills Community where she taught for one year. She taught three years for the Mississippi Choctaw Nation's Reservation School, and two years for the Seminole Nation in Florida.

Presently she is employed by the Okmulgee Public School System as an Indian Education teacher at Eastside Elementary. She is working with the Indian students in the areas of Remedial Reading and Math. There are 75 Indian students enrolled at Eastside. However, Mrs. Tiger serves only 50 of these students. Mrs. Tiger is assisted by Ms. June Taylor, an aide from the Department of Social Services.

Mrs. Carol Shipley, a Cherokee, is married to Mr. Bill Shipley. She is a native of Stillwell, Ok. Mrs. Shipley has taught first grade for five years, before coming to Okmulgee. During the seventies she worked with both Indian students and adults. Last year Mrs. Shipley worked as a social worker with the Department of Human Services in Tahlequah, and also in Muskogee as a Vocational Rehabilitation Evaluator. She is a member of the National and State Rehabilitation Association, NEA, OEA and CTA.

Mrs. Shipley is assigned to Westside Elementary where she is assisted by two Indian aides, Mrs. Gayle Bevenue-JOM and Mrs. Linda Chuckluck - Title IV-A. There are approximately 85 Indian students at Westside and 40 of those 85 are served by Mrs. Shipley.

This year's Boys Basketball coaches are Mr. G. Robbins and Mr. G. Walters. They have a schedule of twenty-five games this season. The boys had their first scrimmage against the 9th graders and they played quite well. Their first game of the season was November 29. The Mustangs will be playing Sallisaw, and the game will start at 4:00 p.m. The Mustangs are looking forward to a successful season, and have been working very hard at practice after school each day. The Indian boys on the team are Mike

Jimboy, Greg Adolph, and Delbert Chiles.

The Boys' Wrestling coach this year is Mr. R. Hill. He states that his wrestlers have been training for many hours, and that he expects to have a good season. The team is made up of boys from the 7th, 8th and 9th grades. Their quad was November 27, their second match is against Poteau "there" December 4th. The team plans to spend the night in Poteau. Some of the JOM and Title IV-A wrestlers are Tim Tozer, Bobby Brown and Chris McCary.

University of California Offers Masters Programs For Indian Students

The University of California at Berkeley is inviting American Indians and Alaska Natives to apply to different professional schools. Primarily emphasizing programs in public health and social welfare in the past. The concentration now will be not only in those areas, but in others such as:

law, education, psychology, architecture, social welfare, public health, journalism, public policy, engineering, energy and resources, city and regional planning, library and information studies, college of natural resources, including undergraduate programs in: forestry and wildlife and range management, conservation and political economy of natural resources.

"With the need for increased professionally trained Indian people in the areas of resources and economic development, it is more important than ever that there be a pool of Indian graduates to return to their tribes and take the responsibility in areas so often in the past assumed by non-Indians."

Application deadline is February 1, 1983; however, staff will be available to work with the applicants in helping to finalize the application and the other processes necessary for completion. Financial aid is generally available and information on that can be secured as well.

Undergraduate training is not required for the School of Business Administration, however, there does need to be strength in such subjects as geometry and calculus and a grade point average of 3.0 or better should have been maintained for the last two years of undergraduate work.

Another area of interest is the graduate field of journalism. There again, is the need for creative and good writers. The undergraduate degree need not necessarily be in that or an allied field.

"There are so many professional careers available for Indian people that it is just a question of the student's determining his own career goals and applying."

Applications and information on the program can be secured by calling (415) 642-3228, or by writing to: American Indian Graduate Program, ATTENTION: Elaine Walbrook, Director, 140 Warren Hall, University of California, Berkeley, Ca 94720.

CREEK NATION HIGHER EDUCATION

By Dan Burgess

Spring award letters will soon be going to the Creek Nation students who were funded the 1982 Fall term. (The students do not need to reapply for the spring term unless they are changing schools or their status has changed in some way.)

Award letters were sent out for the fall term only because of the uncertainty of fiscal year 1983 funding at the time the grants were made. The awards shall be the same unless there has been a change of some kind in the amount the student is eligible to receive.

The office has two positions vacant at this time, so there may be some delay in getting the new award letters out. Hopefully there won't be, but a student can contact the office if there

are immediate problems about their spring award.

The Office is also trying to contact any Creek student who has graduated within the last 1980-81 and 1981-82 school years. This information is needed by Washington for statistical information.

This information would also help our office in studies and future planning for educational funds.

The Higher Education Advisory Committee had their initial meeting Nov. 30th, at the Complex to discuss various aspects of the program now in use and proposals for future guidelines for the Higher Education program. There will be more about this at a later date.

Happy Holidays and get your grades in.

Manual Designed to Improve Indian Youth Self Image

An illustration manual designed to help Indian youth improve their self-image is now being used in workshops conducted by American Indian Services at Brigham Young University.

The manual was written and designed by Howard Rainer, a Taos Pueblo-Creek Indian who has been assistant director of AIS for the past 10 years.

Rainer, who spent the past year writing and developing the manual, has become a nationally recognized Indian leadership trainer, traveling extensively across the United States and Canada to conduct on-site training seminars for Indian communities, organizations and tribal councils.

The manual, which has space for seminar participants to write down goals and notes, uses an eagle as a symbol of what kind of people Indians should be. The eagle has courage, power, respect from other birds, and vision to see ahead.

The manual also includes principles of winning the race of life, goal-setting, developing friends, and becoming a "super" Indian with a positive self-image and a positive direction.

"Developing responsible leaders for Indian communities is crucial for the survival of the Indian people," Rainer said. "We are entering a period when it is necessary to have young people who are assertive, talented and mentally alert, and have something positive to offer their communities if Indians are to have a fighting chance in the future."

"We cannot dream that Indian leaders will rise to the occasion; we have to start training them to take responsibility, to learn how to act and think highly of themselves," he added.

During a decade of presenting workshops, Rainer has come to believe that Indians generally lack positive experiences and small successes. "Many Indian youth have never acquired enough positive reinforcement and encouragement to sustain and motivate them to believe in themselves," he observed.

He said he wants young people to have a chance to make decisions dealing with their own destiny. He points out in the manual that the friends one has play a great role in determining how far a person will go in life. "All of us seek comfort from someone, whether it is from a negative or positive influence," he said.

The manual was recently endorsed by Peter McDonald, chairman of the Navajo tribe. After discussing the need for the manual with Rainer last year and reading a printed copy, McDonald said he was impressed.

"Indians tend to use their Native Americanness as an excuse not to make it in the outside world," McDonald said. "This booklet illustrates our uniqueness as a reason to achieve rather than an excuse not to achieve. Successes in life depend upon a person's potential, and we should all be mindful of our expectations and limitations."

The greatest, most lasting and rewarding help comes from within; it is even more valuable than that received from parents and friends, he noted.

"Gift of the Sacred Pipe" Depicts Sioux Religion

An illustrated edition of the seven sacred rites of Oglala Sioux as originally recorded and edited by Joseph Epes Brown has been published by the University of Oklahoma Press.

The large-format volume, "The Gift of the Sacred Pipe," edited and illustrated by professional artist Vera Louise Drysdale, is based on Black Elk's account of the rites and features paintings that highlight the dramatic elements of the ancient rituals and show the everyday objects that were sanctified in the Sioux cosmology.

The rituals have been condensed while preserving the continuity of Brown's text, "The Sacred Pipe," published as Volume 36 in the Civilization of the American Indian Series. The seven sacred rites of the Oglala Sioux were recorded by Brown in 1947.

The sacred pipe is the central instrument in the holy rites of the Sioux people. The White Buffalo Woman appeared on the plains to give the pipe to the Sioux so that they might "send their voices" to Waken-Tanka, the Great Spirit. The seven rites of the pipe are the keeping of the soul, the rite of purification, crying for a vision, the sun dance, the making of the relatives, preparation for womanhood, and the throwing of the ball that is symbolic of the earth and gives strength to future generations.

Brown, an authority on American Indian religions, is professor in the department of religious studies of the University of Montana.

OBITUARIES

WILLIE FIXICO

Services were held Monday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m. for Willie Fixico at the Indian Prairie Springs Baptist Church with the Rev. John Factor officiating. He died Nov. 11 in the Okmulgee Memorial Hospital at the age of 79.

He was born July 1903 in Oklahoma Indian Territory in what is now Okfuskee County. He had lived here in the county all of his life and was a member of the Prairie Springs Church northwest of Okemah.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mattie Fixico of the home in Castle; nine children, Arthur L. Fixico, Abner, Ok. Billy, Richard and Benny, all of Okemah, Sandy, Castle, Lloyd Fixico, Agnes West and Jeanetta Smith all of Okemah, and Edith M. Barney, Ava, Mo.; forty-one grandchildren and thirty-eight great-grandchildren.

Interment was in the Indian Prairie Springs Cemetery under the direction of the Webb Funeral Home.

IDA DEER LARNEY

Ida Deer Larney, age 55, passed away Thursday November 4, at Newton Memorial Hospital, Winfield, Ks. She was born near Wetumka, Ok. She was the daughter of the late Alfred and Munn Deer. She lived in the Wewoka area during her childhood and graduated from Butner High school. She graduated from Bacone College, Muskogee, Ok. and received her Bachelors Degree from Northeastern State College, Tahlequah, Ok. and received her Master's Degree from the Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Ok.

She lived in the Arkansas City, Ks. area since 1950 where she taught elementary and business education at Chilocco Indian School before retiring when the school was closed in 1980.

Ida was a member of Little Quarsarty Baptist Church and served as a Sunday School teacher in her early years. She was baptized by the late Rev. Tom Hill on January 23, 1939. She was also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, AAUW and active in the Ladies Shrine Organization.

She is survived by her husband, James Larney, one daughter Monica and two grandsons, Paul and Joel Williams, all of Arkansas City, Ks. Her mother Munna Deer, Wewoka, OK.; three brothers, Ethan Deer of Chinle, AZ., Junior Deer, Wewoka, and Fred Deer of Damascus, Maryland; two sisters, Juanita Yahola, Okemah and Betty Shannon of Tulsa; several nieces and nephews and a host of relatives and friends.

Preceding her in death were her father, the late Alfred Deer and one brother, Lewis Deer.

Services were held at the Little Quarsarty Indian Baptist Church near Cromwell, Ok., November 8. Officiating the service were Dr. B. Frank Belvin and Rev. Eddie Lindsey. Pall bearers were: Willie Roberts, Doug Shannon, Luther Factor, George Deer, Francis Deer and Kenneth Moore. Interment was in the church cemetery.

ANITA LOUISE WATSON CANCINO

"Louise" was born December 4, 1948, in Henryetta, Ok. to Gwen and Raeford Watson. She live in Oklahoma until September, 1957, when her family move to California to make their home in Hawthorne. She attended Roosevelt Elementary School and graduated from Leuzinger High School in 1967. After high school, she continued to live in the area, work, and participate in community activities.

Louise became a Christian when she was around thirteen years old. This was while Robert Jones was holding a revival at Haggai Baptist Church. She was baptized at that time. During her Christian life, Louise attended and supported various church functions. She will be remembered at Brighter Day Indian Church because of her involvement there but more so at Muscogee Mission. Her support and involvement at Muscogee Mission included teaching a Sunday School Class and being chairperson of the Benovalent Committee. It can be said she truly enjoyed attending the local Fifth Sunday Sings. While hospitalized, Louise reaffirmed her faith. She was concerned about her father, brothers and sister. She was also concerned about the future of Muscogee Mission. Her hope was that all would come together through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Over the years, Louise developed many acquaintances and friendships. She has been friend to the very young, the in-between and the elderly. Her interests were in music, anything from Rock 'n Roll to western, in games of scrabble to UNO, in going to swap meets and her "rings". Despite her handicap, Louise did not allow it to interfere with her life or her appearance.

Louise will be remembered for her, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, independent spirit, devotion to family and friends, concern for the young people of the community, acceptance of her place in this life and learning to live each day to the fullest, ability to get along with those she met. Most of all, Louise will be remembered because her life became an encouragement to all who become acquainted with her and to those that entered that special relationship known as "friend".

Thus, Louise left our fellowship on Monday, October 25, 1982, with good memories along with the unpleasant ones of her illness. She suffered a long and hard battle for her health.

Louise is survived by her parents, Gwen and Raeford Watson, Gardena, Ca., two brothers, Eugene Ray Watson, Raiford Watson, Jr. Gardena, CA. one sister, Patricia Watson, Gardena, CA. two nieces, Jolen and Amanda Watson, two uncles, Eddie Watson, Gardena, CA. and Adrian Watson an aunt, Naomi Killingsworth, and a host of relatives and friends.

Creek Nation Elderly tours, travels, shops, visits, eats, plays games, and more . . .

By Chiquita Juneau

Creek Nation Elderly here at Okmulgee had a busy two months. During the month of October, 29 Senior Citizens attended the Senior Citizen Classic Games in Oklahoma City. Participating and receiving certificates and ribbons were: Lillie Berryhill, Cora Derrisaw, Helen Bunny, Stella Bevenue, Elizabeth Harjo, Mahala Chalakee, Bernice Thomas and Martha Chalakee.

Also during October about five Senior Citizen Ladies toured the Frankhoma Pottery at Sapulpa and enjoyed shopping and finished out the day with a picnic lunch and came home. Those attending the outing were: Cora Derrisaw, Lillie Berryhill, Virginia Thomas, Bessie McNac and Ms. Willet.

On November 4th the Senior Citizens from Wetumka came up to the Creek Nation for lunch and Fellowship.

There were 2 vans of Senior Citizens journeyed to Guthrie to help celebrate the Statehood Birthday. Their were two of our Senior Citizens Ms. Susie Monday and Elizabeth Harjo, who were born during the year of 1907. They all enjoyed the Bar-BQ and Statehood Birthday cake. Also attending were: Lillie Berryhill, Mahala Chalakee, Helen Bunny, Bernice Thomas, Virginia Thomas, Martha Chalakee. George Miller and several citizens from the Broken Arrow area, also attended.

About 134 Senior Citizens came from over the Creek Nation to enjoy the Thanksgiving Dinner here at the Creek Nation Elderly Nutrition Program. Speaker was Lewis Bible.

The Elderly Nutrition Program will be having their Christmas Dinner for the Senior Citizens of Creek Nation on December 17, 1982, beginning with 11:00 service. The speaker will be Rev. Lee Chupco.



Many Springs Church Organizes Youth Activities

A youth organization was formed and officers were elected Sunday, Nov. 15, at Many Springs Indian Baptist Church. The Officers elected are: President, Sarah Scott; Vice President, Mona Factor; and Secretary, Stanley Factor.

This organization extends an invitation to one and all to visit Many Springs which is located south of the city near Holdenville Lake. Sunday school is held every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. and Morning Worship is at 11:15 a.m. Church Training will be implemented into the system in December. Wednesday evening services are held at 7:00 p.m.

Rev. Harry Anderson is the pastor. Come on out and become acquainted with Rev. Anderson if you don't already know him. He has been pastor of Many Springs since October.

BIRTHS



IT'S A GIRL!

Shanda Rae Chalakee, was born November 9, 1982, at 10:15 p.m. in Claremore Indian Hospital. Shanda weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs. Proud parents are Kenneth Wayne and Sheryl, Mounds. Her sisters are Shelia and Sharalet. Grandparents are Bettie and Bob Campbell, Oakhurst and Walt and Betty Hailey, Tulsa.

MAGGIE MARIE

Mr. and Mrs. Marty Colbert of Cedar Valley, Ok. announce the birth of their daughter, Maggie Marie Colbert born November 10th. She weighed 11 lbs. and 8 oz. Maggie has a brother 3 year old Clint.



Joshua Wilham Van Woudenberg

Joshua Van Woudenberg Wins Glenpool Baby Contest

Six month old Joshua Wilham Van Woudenberg, recently won first place in a baby contest held in Glenpool. Joshua won first place out of 75 entries, first place prize was \$50. He is the son of Fred Van Woudenberg and the grandson of Esther Van Woudenberg, of Glenpool.



COMMUNITY NEWS

December Commodity Distribution Schedule

FIRST & THIRD TUESDAY		
Holdenville-Community Action Bldg.	9:30 a.m.	7&21
Yeager Community Center	1:00 p.m.	7&21
Bristow-Mutieloke Church	9:30 a.m.	7&21
Kellyville Community Center	1:00 p.m.	7&21
FIRST & THIRD THURSDAY		
Coweta-Cedar Creek Church	9:30 a.m.	2&16
Twin Hills Community Center	1:00 p.m.	2&16
Stidham-Big Arbor	9:30 a.m.	2&16
Eufaula-IHS Parking Lot	1:00 p.m.	2&16
FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAY		
Weleetka Community Center	9:30a.m.-4:00	1&15
Checotah C.N. Day Care Center	9:30 a.m.	1&15
Oktaha-Butler Creek Church	1:00 p.m.	1&15
SECOND & FOURTH TUESDAY		
Okemah-Creek Nation Hospital	9:30 a.m.	14&28
Wilson-Honey Creek Church	1:00 p.m.	14&28
Dewar Community Center	9:30 a.m.	14&28
Morris Big Cussetah Church	1:00 p.m.	14&28
SECOND & FOURTH THURSDAY		
Glenpool Indian Mission	9:30 a.m.	9&23
Duck Creek-Simon Harry House	1:00 p.m.	9&23
Hanna-Vernon Community Center	9:30 a.m.	9&23
Ryal-Yardeka Community Center	1:00 p.m.	9&23
SECOND & FOURTH WEDNESDAY		
Wetumka	9:30a.m.-11:30a.m.	8&22

CASTLE

By Christine Henneha

We held our regular 1st Thursday of each month meeting in Harley Smith's home. Harley broke his wrist but is still able to sell car parts.

Becky Beaver, 8th grade at Middle School made a "B" average and was on the honor roll for the 1st 9 weeks. Marla Beaver made it to the "Hall of Fame" for track at Okemah High School. Becky and Marla are the daughters of Earnestine Henneha of Okemah.

Fishpond stomp ground will have their regular 2nd Saturday of month "fund raising benefit", Dec. 11 it will be at Tema Tiger's home.

Since November 11, was Veterans Day some of our Castle members are to be remembered, they are Johnson J. Harjo, Jonah and Lemley Sands, still living; Harry Henneha and Palmer Wolf, both deceased, all of these men served in World War II.

We have some in National Guard, Army and Navy. Robin Beaver, son of Sam Beaver of Tulsa and Wanda of Okemah. National Guard - Ralph Henneha Jr., husband of Mary Jane. Navy - over seas, Johnny Johnson, son of Arron Johnson. Amos Roberts, National Guard. There are others in our area, I can't think of at the present. So, lets remember them.

The J.O.M. officers were changed in October. The new officers are: Chairperson, Christine Henneha; Vice-Chairperson, Bertha Sands; Secretary, Machel Bowen. Other members are Wanda Beaver and Minnie Harjo. Geneva Douglas is our "Home school aide".

Willie Fixico of the Castle area passed away on November 11 at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital. His services were held at Prairie Springs (Buckeye) Church.

ARBEKA

By Eliza Hicks

The 'Spooks' were really on the prowl around here Oct. 30. Our carnival was a success and so was our parade of characters - Dracula, Casper the Ghost, Wolf Man, a Senor from Mexico, and many others. This was supposed to be a party to keep our kids from the possibility of being handed poisoned foods during "trick or treat" from door to door but our adults enjoyed the crazy antics more than the little ones. Our dress costume winners were "Big Joe" Hicks, Jim Factor, Louise Taylor, and Robert Hicks. The judges were hard pressed to pick a best costume in the adult class. After refreshments we all left with backward glances to be sure someone or something wasn't at our heels.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner was held Nov. 21 with a good turnout of friends and members. Eleven men participated in the bow and arrow shoot and we had a good number playing bingo. All proceeds from the games will be used to buy candy and gifts for our Christmas party. The dinner table was amply laden with foods of every description. We were truly thankful for the many bounties and for the friends who shared this day with us.

The date of our Christmas party is Dec. 18, beginning about 6:00 p.m. and we invite all to attend. Santa may no be able to keep his appointment to be there but the spirit of Christmas will surely be with us.

From the Arbeka membership, we extend our wishes to all for a happy and safe holiday season.

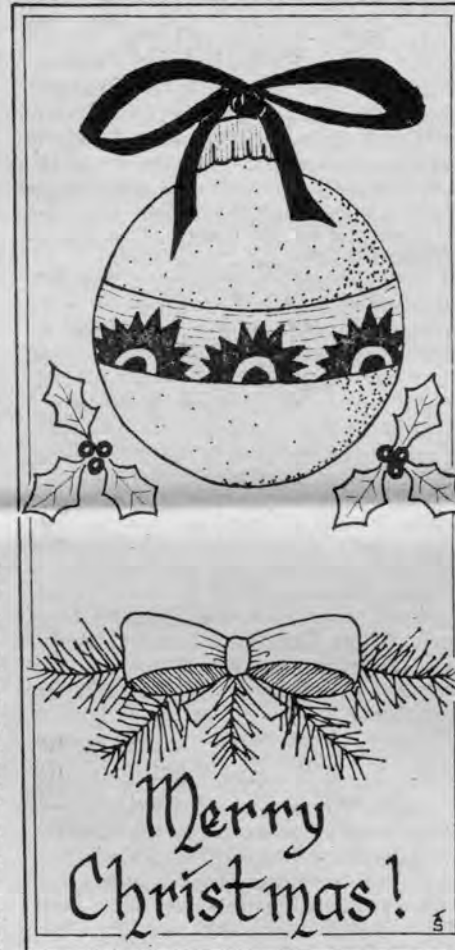
"HAPPY NEW YEAR!"

OKFUSKEE

By Mary Walters

The Okfuskee Community held their monthly meeting in November. We had Curtis Fish and his wife to visit our meeting. Also, we had two members who where not able to attend because of illness, Susie Gammill and Louise Deeringwater, both are getting along very well now.

Johnny Hicks had a turkey and ham shoot, November 20th. He will also have another one on December 11 at 1:00 p.m. The Community will have a bingo Dec. 25th. Our next regular meeting will be Dec. 4th at Joe Hicks residence.



If you have a dated photograph that you would like to have published in the Muscogee Nation News "REMEMBER WHEN", please send it in care of the MNN, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, Ok. 74447. Please enclose return address so Anita can make sure you get the photo back!

REMEMBER WHEN!



1957 WOODWARD SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT WINNERS: (top row, l-r) Frisco Roberts, Web Chalakee, Joe Skeeter, Tom Deere, Virgil Harry, Manager Ike Deere. (bottom row, l-r) Tommy Chalakee, M.A. Procter, Wilson Deere, Marchie Browne, Winford Taryole, Edward Barnett, Bat boys: Bunky Chalakee and Sammy Deere.

KELLYVILLE

By Dalsy Harris

Kellyville Indian Community met at the trailer on Monday evening November 8th. Thanksgiving dinner was served at 7:00 P.M. with prayer by the Rev. Jim Cahwee. Turkeys were furnished by Bill Harris and Newman Littlebear. Members brought covered dishes to round out the feast.

Principal Chief Cox of the Creek Nation and his wife Lillie were present.

Clarence Cloud, Council representative from Creek County was present and explained about the booklet "How to Obtain a Birth Certificate and C.D.I.B. card"; and of newsletter to let communities know what programs are available.

Curtis Fish of the Planning Department read proposed guidelines for a chartered community.

A Bingo License or craft sale item was discussed.

Paul Tiger who is in charge of the new Commodity Food Distribution Program explained about the operation of this project.

Closing prayer by Wannie Cahwee. Next meeting will be a Christmas party and gift exchange.

Following is a list of members and guests: Ava Barnett, Fred, Dorothy, David and Debbie Brown, Jerry and Wade Bucktrot Sr., Martha Jo Burris, Ronnie Brown, Shirley Brown, Jimmie and Wanney Cahwee, Bessie Cahwee, Tom Chalakee, Claude and Lilly Cox, Clarence Cloud, Gary Dunn, Amos and Jenice Felix, Betty Fox, Louis and Jackie Fish, Curtis, Rose, Annette and Barry Fish, John, Linda, Lee and Kacy Greene, Jimmie Joe Greene, Bessie Brown Gregory, Arlene and Christy Hammond, Annie Hardridge, Lola Hardridge, Wanda Hardridge, Bill Harris, Daisy Harris, Casey Harper, Shannon Harper, Ken Johnson, Darrell, Justina, Alicia, Travis, and Christopher Jones, Noah Kent, Bill, Bobbie, Angela and Mike Killingsworth, Newman and Ruby Littlebear, Dorothy, Sheila and Sherry Mathews, Darlene Parkinson, Irene Parkinson, Paul Tiger, Acie Snow, Albert and Judy Rowland, Terry and Carol Toppah, Ruth Traynor, Dimmie Washburn, Vincent Watashe, Dale, Linda, Steven and Scotty Watkins and Earl W. Wheeler.

Muscogee National Council Approved October Minutes

Invocation: Jorene Coker.

Call To Order: The meeting was called to order by Muscogee (Creek) National Council Speaker, Kenneth L. Childers.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken and a quorum was declared with seven members at this meeting of October 30, 1982 Quarterly Meeting. Members being present were: Helen Chupco, Thomas McIntosh, Carney Roberts, Richard Lamey, Andy Bible, Clarence Cloud and Kenneth L. Childers. One member being absent: Nelson Johnson.

Reading of Minutes: The minutes of September 25, 1982 were mailed prior to this meeting. The Chair opened the floor for discussion. There not being any, the Chair entertained a motion. Motion was made by Carney Roberts and seconded by Helen Chupco to approve the September 25, 1982 Minutes of the Regular scheduled Council meeting minutes. With a motion having been made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried.

ORDER OF BUSINESS: Old Business. There wasn't any old business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS: Under the New Business appeared two proposed Ordinances, NCA 82-62 Approving two Attorney Contracts with Jeff Standing Bear, Attorney at Law, and NCA 82-63 Granting an Easement to the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company on Tribal Lands in Okmulgee District.

The Ordinances were read and considered as follows: NCA 82-62, An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation approving two attorney contracts with Geoffrey Standing Bear, Attorney at Law, the ordinance was read as follows: **Section 100.** Be it enacted by the Muscogee Nation in Council Assembled: **Section 101.** The undated "Special Services" Attorney Contract between the Muscogee Nation and Jeff Standing Bear and the Muscogee Nation, is hereby ratified by the Muscogee Nation. **Section 102.** The undated "General Counsel" Attorney Contract between the Muscogee Nation and Geoffrey Standing Bear, Attorney at Law, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, is hereby ratified by the Muscogee Nation. The ordinance having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Helen Chupco to amend this ordinance by deleting "updated" in both paragraphs and inserting October 30, 1982. Richard Lamey seconded the motion. A motion having been made, and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Upon a unanimous vote of approval the amendment was approved as read and will be recorded as such. After discussion a motion was made by Richard Lamey to delete "a citizen of the Muscogee Nation," and was seconded by Carney Roberts. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. By unanimous approval, the amendment was approved as read and will be recorded as such. The amendments having been made, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Thomas McIntosh and seconded by Richard Lamey to approve NCA 82-62 as read. Upon a motion duly made and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. NCA 82-62 was approved as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as being an Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Approving Two Attorney Contracts with Geoffrey Standing Bear, Attorney at Law.

NCA 82-63 an Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Granting an Easement to the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company on Tribal Lands in Okmulgee District. The Ordinance was read as follows: **Section 101.** An easement for utility line purposes is hereby granted to the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, a division of ONEOK, Inc. for the following described tribal lands: A 10 foot easement in the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 14 North, Range 13 East in Okmulgee County, Oklahoma, and in Okmulgee District, Muscogee Nation, said easement being better described as the 10-foot width parallel to, adjoining and west of a line 37 feet west of the east line of the SW/4 SW/4, beginning at the centerline of Eufaula Street and extending North approximately 780 feet. **Section 102.** The Principal Chief is authorized to execute a Service Line. The Ordinance having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Roberts to amend Section 102 by adding "Agreement for the purpose of this ordinance", making the sentence to read "Section 102. The Principal Chief is authorized to execute a Service Line Agreement for the purpose of this ordinance." A motion having been duly made, seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. The amendment was approved as read by a unanimous vote of approval and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as having been amended with approval. The Chair entertained a motion for approval/adoption of NCA 82-63. A motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Bible that NCA 82-63 be approved as read. Motion made and seconded a roll call vote was taken results being: Six in favor, none against and no abstentions. Motion carried. By unanimous vote of approval NCA 82-63 an Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Granting an Easement to the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company on Tribal Lands in Okmulgee District was adopted as read and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Law as such.

Items for Consideration: The Speaker explained to those in attendance about a discussion which was held at the Planning Session of October in regard to a subject brought up by Tony Mitchell a representative in behalf of the Jones Academy. The question was "Could a nurse be placed at the school" and a report was suppose to be presented today, or possibly a resolution would be passed in support of the Jones Academy request. Mr. Breshears advised the Council that he had met with Board members and made several contacts to the BIA, IHS, the school and the Choctaw and a meeting has been set up for November 12, 1982 to present this request and sit down and discuss this matter among all three agencies. A report will be filed with the Council after the meeting has been held, and that any council member that would like to attend this meeting could do so.

While many local and tribal governments experiences extreme difficulties in light of federal budget cuts and economic facts, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation was able to provide new programs, and additional services to tribal citizens. One important new program was the Commodity Distribution Program which commenced operation during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. Mr. Breshears advised the Council that the Directors of the Division of Tribal Affairs, Division of Community Services and the Division of Human Development were present to answer any and all questions that the Council members might have had. Other items touched on were the: Realty Administration, Lighthouse Administration, Comprehensive Planning Administration, Economic Research and Development Administration, Creek Nation Grocery Store. For more complete details please review the Annual report on pages one through page sixteen. All questions asked were answered during the meeting.

Quarterly Reports: The Speaker turned this meeting over to the Executive Director, Gary Breshears to give the quarterly reports. Mr. Breshears informed the Council that an annual report had been compiled to better present an overview of the fiscal year, and that an

annual financial report would be reported at a later date. The Council was also informed of the Tribal Government had assumed the operation of the Health Clinics in Okemah, Eufaula and Sapulpa under the Indian Self-Determination Act, and that the final negotiations were made for the Okmulgee Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and that the transition period for the operation would be completed by December 4, 1982. At this point of the meeting, Mr. Breshears turned this portion over to Mr. Bill Fife, at the Request of Mr. Lamey.

Division of Tribal Affairs: Mr. Fife informed the Council that he would be going through the contents on the Division of Tribal Affairs very briefly and if there were any questions for them to ask and he would try to answer each. The major concern at this time was the Agri-Business. Many questions were asked about the pastures, hogs, hay and feed. Mr. Fife informed the Council of the On the Job Welding School was building a feed mill at the Agri-Business. Throughout the discussion, a request was made by Mr. Childers that the Council receive a copy of the minutes to the Board of Economic Affairs meetings. Upon the completion of Mr. Fife's report, Clarence Cloud made a motion to adjourn for lunch, this motion being seconded by Roberts, and by a unanimous vote of approval, the meeting broke.

Division of Human Development: Buddy York. Mr. York was called upon to discuss his program. Items which were discussed briefly were: Employment and Training Services Administration, Preschool and Elementary Education Administration, Secondary Education Administration, Adult Education Program and the Higher Education Program. All of these items appear in the annual report on pages twenty-seven through pages thirty six. Many questions were asked in regards to the above items and each were answered during this meeting. For more complete details please review the annual report.

Division of Community Services-Mark Downing. Mr. Downing was called on to give a review of his program. Under the Health Services Administration a report was made on the CHR Activity for the first quarter. Other items covered were: Environmental Services Administration, Social Services Administration and Community Research and Development Administration. A report on these items begin on page 18 and ends on page 26 of the Annual Report. At this point the meeting was turned back to the Speaker of the National Council. There not being any further question the next order of business.

Other Business: NCA 82-64 An Ordinance approving an Appointment to the Citizenship Board of the Muscogee Nation. The Ordinance was read and considered as follows: Section 101. The nomination by the Principal Chief of Jack Rumsey a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, to serve upon the Citizenship Board is hereby confirmed by the National Council to serve a term set out by the Board. The Ordinance having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Cloud to table NCA 82-64, motion was seconded by Roberts. Upon a motion duly made, and seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Four in favor, none against and two abstentions: Chupco-abstain, McIntosh-yea, Roberts-yea, Lamey-abstain, Bible-yea, Cloud-yea. Motion carried. Upon a majority vote of approval NCA 82-64 was tabled.

Other Reports, Questions, Comments, Announcements.

Robert Trepp requested that he be allowed to follow up on his annual report of the Creek Nation Commodity Program. He reminded the council the program was the result of over seven years of work by tribal staff members. Creek Nation is the first tribe in the state of Oklahoma to receive the program, and the work was not only for the Creeks, but for Indians all over the state. The Commodity Program will bring an estimated ten million dollars worth of food to the Indian people in the state and an additional three million in direct employment for the tribe. That's thirteen million coming into the state next year for Indian people. This is the kind of thing that Creek Nation staff can do for the tribal council. There not being any other reports, etc., the Chair called on the Council to set a date for their Planning Session, November 10, 1982 at 6:30 P.M. was recommended as a date for their Planning Session, and by a unanimous vote of approval the date was confirmed. There not being any further discussion or business the Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Motion was made by McIntosh and seconded by Lamey to adjourn. Upon a unanimous vote of approval the meeting was adjourned.

Benediction: Helen Chupco.

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL NOVEMBER 10, 1982

Invocation: Nettie Scott

Roll Call: Six members were present with one member being absent. Present: Nelson Johnson, Clarence Cloud, Carney Roberts, Andy Bible, Richard Lamey and Kenneth L. Childers. Absent: Helen Chupco.

Order of Business: Proposed Ordinance NCA 82-65.

NCA 82-65 was read and considered as follows: An Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation Amending the Election Ordinance. **Section 101.** The Tribal Ordinance "establishing Regular and Special Election Laws" NCA 81-82, is hereby amended at Section 901 to read as follows: **Vacancies in Elected Offices:** (a) Whenever a vacancy shall occur due to death, resignation or removal in the office of the Principal Chief or the Office of the Second Chief, said vacancy shall be filled in accordance with Article VI, Section 1 (c) of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. (b) In the case of all other elected offices which become vacant, a Special Election shall be called in the same manner as prescribed for that of the Second Chief, provided, that the time limits of this Ordinance shall apply to the filling of the vacancy, unless it happens within the last six (6) months of the term, in which case the term would remain vacant until the next election. The Ordinance having been read the Chair opened the floor for discussion. Discussion was held, and the Chair entertained a motion. A motion was made by Lamey to approve NCA 82-65 as read, with the motion being seconded by Johnson. Upon a motion duly made, seconded a roll call vote was taken with the results being: Five in favor, none against and no abstentions. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by unanimous vote of approval, NCA 82-65 and Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending the Election Ordinance was approved and will be entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws as being approved.

Other Business: This being an extra-ordinary Session there was not any other business on hand.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Cloud to adjourn the meeting. By a unanimous vote of approval, the meeting was adjourned.

Benediction: Nettie Scott.

Creek Videotape Program Surveys Historical Progression of Creek Art

"One Thousand Years of Muscogee (Creek) Art" is the title of a thirty minute videotape program recently completed as a joint project of the Creek Council House Museum and the Creek Nation of Oklahoma.

Gary Robinson, Program Producer and Communication Specialist for the Creek Nation, explained that the finished program is a survey of the historical progression of the art of the Creek people.

"It's a colorful, informative production that examines the techniques, forms, textures, images and media of the art of an Indian Nation," he said.

Bruce Shackelford, Project Director and Creek Museum Curator, pointed out that this was the first television program of its kind to ever be produced in Oklahoma. "This visually rich program examines over 100 items that were obtained from a dozen art collections in Europe and the U.S.," he said. "Basketry, pottery, stone and shell engravings, as art forms, and their cultural, ceremonial and every-day uses are explained," he continued.

The program was funded by a grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Committee and in-kind support from the Creek Nation and the City of Okmulgee. Robinson said, "The Creek Nation provided some production equipment and the entire video

editing system to assemble the program, as well as providing much of my time spent on the project. The city of Okmulgee provided the Project Director's time, administered the grant, and provided other support for the project."

Both Robinson and Shackelford were on hand for the first public showing of the program and to answer questions about the content and production of the program.

Future distribution of the program includes showings on regional cable TV stations and a possible airing on OETA. A copy of the program may be borrowed from the Oklahoma Humanities Committee in Oklahoma City. Nationwide distribution will be handled by an independent distributor. For more information contact Gary Robinson.

C.N. Councilman Keeps Busy With Local Projects

...If you want a job done...ask a busy person. It's an old adage, with a certain logic to it, and it may be the reason Nelson Johnson is regularly asked to chair so many projects. Johnson is Director of Operations and Planning for the Twin Rivers Community Action Fund Inc. That, in itself, would be enough to keep most people occupied.

Nelson Johnson is not like most people, however. He serves as the Hughes-Seminole District Representative to the Muscogee National Council, and as of April 1982, Southeast Regional Director-At-Large to the American Lung Association of Oklahoma, Board of Directors.

Nelson Johnson has a couple of other projects as well. He is Chairman of Cold Turkey Day, a Lung Association sponsored "Kick the habit" day and has sponsored "Superkids" a special event to benefit asthmatic children, and Oklahomans suffering from emphysema, bronchitis and other lung diseases. If you asked Johnson what he thinks of handling so many activities at once; he would probably tell you that... "It's all in a days work."

Navajo Tribal Chairman Defeated by 5,000 Votes

Peterson Zah, 44, defeated Peter McDonald, three-term incumbent by 5,000 votes in the race to be tribal chairman of the nation's largest Indian tribe, the Navajo.

Zah, a founder and former director of the reservation's legal aid organization, in a statement following the election, vowed that the minerals of the 24,000 square mile reservation would no longer be "exploited" by energy companies.

McDonald, who was one of the founders and chairman of the board of the Council of Energy Resource Tribes (CERT), was considered one of the most powerful Indian leaders in the country. His defeat also costs him the CERT position. In another post-election comment, Zah said he would open negotiations with the neighboring Hopi Tribe to settle differences in a 1.8 million acre land dispute.

According to a separate article in the New York Times and the Denver Post, the Council of Energy Resource Tribes may suffer a crippling blow in January with the loss of their largest and richest member, the Navajo Tribe.

Both newspapers quote Claudine Arthur, executive assistant to the newly elected Navajo tribal chairman, Peterson Zah: "I don't anticipate that the Navajo Council will continue to be a part of that organization (CERT)," Arthur said.

In the Navajo campaign, Zah sharply criticized three-time tribal chairman Peter McDonald for his role in CERT. Zah backers criticized CERT as being in favor of reservation resource development at the expense of tribal interests. CERT was founded in 1974. In its early years it was sometimes referred to as the American Indian OPEC.

"Season's Greetings" from Chief Cox



I am especially thankful and proud to extend Seasonal Greetings this year! I feel this has been the most successful year ever for the Creek Nation, and of course it could not be possible without the faithful support of Creek citizens.

The past three months have brought about realities which have been many years in the making. Our people now have maximum health care through the Creek Hospital and now that we have contracted the services at Sapulpa, Eufaula and Okemah Health Clinics, we can rest assured the best service possible will be available.

With the implementation of the Commodity Distribution Program, Indians living within the Creek Nation are receiving ample food products. Other service programs are expected to increase during the coming year.

Christmas is a time of joy and gladness, of reverence and devotion. We find ourselves thinking how we can bring a little extra happiness to others. There is joying in giving, in sharing, that knows no season.

I want to express to you my appreciation for your loyalty and dedication. And I want to extend to all of you sincere wishes for a happy holiday season and a New Year full of achievement.

Blaine Cox

Letter From Evangelist Ernest Best

DEAR FELLOW LABORERS:

Greetings in the Name that is above every name, the Lord Jesus Christ. The last two months have passed quickly. We have been very busy. The first week in October, we were in revival at Lindsey Chapel Baptist here in our area. We had a great time there, as God blessed with many decisions.

During the month of October and the first week of November, we were in Missouri, Illinois and Ohio. We had week-end services in Huntsville, Missouri and Jerseyville, Illinois. We were in revival in Gillespie, Illinois with Bro. Ray Ditch. The Lord really began moving in the services and the revival was extended for another week. We saw God do marvelous things. Four came for salvation and many other decisions were made. We drove over 3,000 miles during that month and met many wonderful new friends.

After returning to Oklahoma on Saturday, I preached and showed slides at Faith Baptist Church in Tahlequah, on Sunday. Then on Monday, we started a revival at First Indian in Okmulgee. God blessed this meeting tremendously. There was a full house every night. On Thursday night there was a terrible storm. It looked like we were in for an "Oklahoma tornado", but praise God, we had our biggest crowd that night. People came in soaking wet, but smiling and laughing. Several rows of extra chairs were carried in and there were still those standing in the back. Our hearts were rejoiced! There were five saved, many more came for prayer, and our revival music director, a man whom we have worked with over the past few years in revivals and crusades, a tremendously talented singer, J.B. Dreadfulwater, surrendered his life for full time music evangelism. Pray for him. He is leaving a good job. If you can use him in revivals, call on him. He will be a blessing to your church. He is not only talented, but is a God loving, God fearing and spirit filled man. (Contact me for address.) There were three more adults saved in the Sunday evening service after we left. Praise God!

At present, we are back home, but still busy. I have been preaching in some local churches, as well as showing the slides of our work. If any of you pastors know of a church that would be interested in having a missionary evangelist to the American Indians, please let me know. December and January are open.

I wish at this time to share a need with you. We will be one much of this next year as we are already getting calls from reservations. We need a travel trailer, 24' X 26', new or used, as long as it is in good enough shape to travel thousands of miles. We need a home away from home. If you have one or know of someone who would like to put one into the Lord's work as a gift or for a reasonable price, please let us know. We need one by February, 1983.

We want to thank each church and family who support our work with your prayers and giving. You will never know how much we appreciate you and thank God for you everyday. May God bless each of you in your place of labor for Him. We also wish each of you a truly blessed Christmas.

In His Service, **BROTHER ERNEST & BENNIE BEST**



MUSCOGEE NATIONAL COUNCIL APPROVED SEPTEMBER MINUTES

INVOCATION: Virginia Thomas. **CALL TO ORDER:** Kenneth Childers. **ROLL CALL:** Helen Chupco, Thomas McIntosh, Nelson Johnson, Carney Roberts, Andy Bible, Richard Lamey, Kenneth Childers, Clarence Cloud. With eight members present, a quorum was declared with any and all business transacted during this meeting being considered valid, and all transactions being entered into the Creek Nation Code of Laws. **READING OF MINUTES:** Motion was made by Lamey to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Bible. **Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ORDERS OF BUSINESS: 1. Old Business: NCA 82-54, An Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Providing for the Sales of the Tribal Store to be Opened to persons who are not enrolled members of the Muscogee Nation. The ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101. Findings.** The National Council finds that: (A) The ability of the Tribal Store to maintain a favorable marketing position would be improved by opening the Tribal Store to persons who are not enrolled members of the Muscogee Nation. (B) Opening sales at the Tribal Store to non-members will require that the Muscogee Nation collect state taxes on non-members and forward such collections to the State of Oklahoma. (C) The Muscogee Nation must assure its enrolled members that their right to conduct business with their tribal government free from state regulation or taxation is protected in their transaction at the Tribal Store. **Section 102.** The Tribal Store shall apply to the State of Oklahoma, Tax Commission, for a permit to collect state and municipal taxes on sales. **Section 103.** If the application in Section 102 is approved, the Principal Chief may, by Executive Order, open the Tribal Store for sales to persons who are not enrolled members of the Muscogee Nation, through April 1, 1983. **Section 104.** Upon issuance of the Executive Order in Section 103, the following requirements shall become effective upon the Tribal Store. (A) Enrolled members of the Muscogee Nation shall not be charged state tax on their purchases of tobacco or other products of the Tribal Store. (B) Persons who are not enrolled members of the Muscogee Nation shall be charged and required to pay the following taxes: (1) all applicable state and municipal taxes on sales; (2) all applicable state tax on tobacco and beer; (3) all applicable tribal taxes on sales by the Tribal store. Discussion having been held and completed, the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion made by Lamey. Seconded by Roberts. Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS: A Proposed Ordinance NCA 82-56 Approving Two Attorney Contracts with Phillip W. Perryman, Attorney At Law. Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101.** The updated "Special Services" Attorney contract between the Muscogee Nation and Phillip W. Perryman, Attorney at Law, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, is hereby ratified by the Muscogee Nation. **Section 102.** The update "General Counsel" attorney contract between the Muscogee Nation and Phillip W. Perryman, Attorney at Law, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, is hereby ratified by the Muscogee Nation. The ordinance having been read, the Chair entertained discussion. Discussion having been held; the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion made by Johnson. Seconded by Lamey. Roll Call Vote:** Three in favor, four against, no abstentions. Results: Chupco-Yea, Johnson-Yea, Lamey-Yea, McIntosh-No, Roberts-No, Cloud-No, Bible-No. **MOTION DID NOT CARRY.**

NCA 82-57. A proposed ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation amending the Tribal Contracts Ordinance to provide authorization for additional tribal programs. The Chair entertained a motion. **Motion made by Lamey. Seconded by Roberts. Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. Discussion was held with Linda Lowe called on to discuss the proposal. The Chair entertained a motion. **Motion made by Lamey to place this ordinance on the agenda as one complete ordinance "Amending the Tribal Contracts Ordinance to provide authorization for additional tribal programs." Seconded by Bible. Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. **Section 101.** The 1983 Tribal Contracts Ordinance as amended, NCA 82-38 is hereby further amended at Section 153 as follows: (A) Add a new paragraph three, to read: U.S. Department of Labor: Indian Manpower Program. (B) Add a new paragraph, four to read U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs: Indian Highway Safety Program: Child Restraints. **Section 102.** The above programs having been approved by the Muscogee Nation as Principal Chief is directed to implement them upon receipt according to the provisions of the 1983 Tribal Contracts Ordinance. The ordinance having been read, the Chair opened the floor for discussion. Discussion was held and the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion made by Lamey to approve. Seconded by Roberts. Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NCA 82-58. A Proposed Ordinance of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Requesting the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs to reorganize the boundaries of the Indian Credit Associations to conform to the boundaries of the Muscogee Nation. The ordinance was read and considered as follows: **Section 101. Findings:** The National Council finds that: (A) The Muscogee County Indian Credit Association, which is served by the Okmulgee Agency (U.S.B.I.A.) does not include those portions of the Muscogee Nation known as Hughes/Seminole District and Okfuskee/Seminole District. (B) The Seminole County Indian Credit Association, which is served by the Wewoka Agency, include portions of the Muscogee Nation, namely Hughes/Seminole District and Okfuskee/Seminole District. (C) In order to provide for the more efficient, and more tribally oriented provisions of credit services, there should be a single credit association which serves all portions of the Muscogee Nation. **Section 102.** The Muscogee Nation requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to make all necessary administrative and programmatic efforts, and to obtain the consent of the Seminole County Indian Credit Association and add these areas to the Muscogee Indian Credit Association. **Motion by Chupco to approve. Seconded by Cloud. Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION: NCA 82-57. The Chair entertained a motion to place item NCA 82-57 on the agenda. Motion by Johnson. Seconded by Lamey. Roll Call Vote: Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. Discussion was held with Linda Lowe called on to discuss the proposal. The Chair entertained a motion. **Motion made by Lamey to place this ordinance on the agenda as one complete ordinance "Amending the Tribal Contracts Ordinance to provide authorization for additional tribal programs." Seconded by Bible. Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. **Section 101.** The 1983 Tribal Contracts Ordinance as amended, NCA 82-38 is hereby further amended at Section 153 as follows: (A) Add a new paragraph three, to read: U.S. Department of Labor: Indian Manpower Program. (B) Add a new paragraph, four to read U.S. Department of Transportation and U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs: Indian Highway Safety Program: Child Restraints. **Section 102.** The above programs having been approved by the Muscogee Nation as Principal Chief is directed to implement them upon receipt according to the provisions of the 1983 Tribal Contracts Ordinance. The ordinance having been read, the Chair opened the floor for discussion. Discussion was held and the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion made by Lamey to approve. Seconded by Roberts. Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NCA82-60 was presented to the Council with the Chair entertaining a motion for placing this item on the agenda for consideration during this session. Motion made by Johnson. Seconded by Lamey. Roll Call Vote: Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED.** Ordinance was read and considered as follows: **A Proposed Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation Approving a Sand and Gravel Lease on Tribal Lands Known as "Mackey Sandbar". Section 101.** The Sand and Gravel Mining Lease dated September 1, 1982 between the Muscogee Nation and Paul Grace, Tulsa, Oklahoma, is hereby approved by the Muscogee Nation in the form which is attached to this ordinance, for a term of five years and for a royalty of \$00.20 per yard for all sand and gravel taken from leased premises. Ordinance having been read, discussion was

held. **Motion was made by Lamey to approve. Seconded by Johnson. Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEXT ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION: NCA 82-61 A Proposed Ordinance of the Muscogee Nation Authorizing the Purchase of Additional Tribal Lands for Recreational and Commercial Purposes. The Chair entertained a motion to place this item on the agenda for consideration during this session: **Motion was made by Roberts. Seconded by Cloud. Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED.** **NCA 82-61 A proposed ordinance of the Muscogee Nation authorizing the purchase of additional tribal lands for recreational and commercial purposes. Section 101.** The Principal Chief is authorized to purchase the following described lands located in Okmulgee District, Muscogee Nation situated in the south half of the northeast quarter (S/2 NE/4) of section 31, township 14 north, range 13 east, Okmulgee County, Oklahoma and Okmulgee District, Muscogee Nation. **Section 102.** The source of funds for the above described purchases of lands shall be tribal facility management income. **Section 103.** The Muscogee Nation requests that the United States accept title in trust for the Muscogee Nation for each of the above described lands as follows: THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN TRUST FOR THE MUSCOGEE NATION. **Section 104.** The Principal Chief is authorized to recommend commercial uses of the acquired lands to the Muscogee National Council for approval by ordinance. Ordinance having been read, the Chair entertained a motion. **Motion made by Johnson to approve the ordinance with the amendment in Section 102 by deleting the words "not more than 100,000 in real property and facilities funds" thereby making the sentence read: The source of funds for the above described purchases of lands shall not be more than 100,000 in real property and facilities fund." Seconded by Lamey. Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED.** Amendment approved. **Motion was made by Roberts to approve NCA 82-61 as read after amendment. Seconded by Johnson. Roll Call Vote:** Seven in favor, none against, no abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OTHER BUSINESS: The Commodity Program was discussed with Paul Tiger present to answer questions and to inform the Council of the status of the program as of this date. He informed the Council that approximately 1300 applications were taken within one week with about thirty being interviewed and certified in one day. The Council was also advised that areas of distribution as well as the time would appear in the Creek Nation newspaper and that those times and areas would be used regularly, unless changed and then the Citizens would be notified by phone or other means.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Principal Chief and the Executive Director were called upon to make comments and to answer any questions that might arise. Discussion was held on the status of Jack Rumsey. The chief stated that Mr. Rumsey could serve on the Board until such time that he could find someone else to replace him. The Speaker reminded him that Mr. Rumsey was never approved by the Council. Mr. Breshears stated that the Constitution does state that the Principal Chief could commission a person to serve on a board until the next meeting. The Speaker asked the Principal Chief if he was going to put Rumsey on the Board, although he was not approved by the Council. Chief Cox replied that "he could commission someone until the next meeting date." Mr. Childers recommended that Mrs. Jerri McKinze be placed on the Citizenship Board and she had an interest in this kind of work.

OTHER BUSINESS: Discussion was held on the status of the CHR Program. Chief Cox stated that as of that day he had not received any information as to the amount of which they were going to be cut. Mr. Breshears stated, that the funding for the next fiscal year was uncertain this time, and that they had been cutting back on the program for the past few months, however, they did not cut back on positions. We have identified funds and we are currently under contract for the fiscal year and projected and extension through the end of December, and that he could safely say that the CHR Program will be operating through December, at which time they would be able to determine where the CHR Program stands.

OTHER BUSINESS: Correspondence regarding reports. Mr. Childers, explained about correspondence regarding a request for reports on the Creek Nation foundation, Inc. and the Agri-Business. Correspondence included: page 16 and page 17. During planning session the Council requested a complete breakdown of the Creek Nation foundation, Inc. Namely the criteria for receiving scholarships through the Foundation, but we were also informed that we would receive a complete financial breakdown of the Creek Nation Foundation, Inc. within thirty days. A complete breakdown on the Agri-Business was also requested. At that time, the Council was informed that new management had just taken over and that a complete report would be made in thirty days. Chief Cox stated that they would have this information ready for the Quarterly Meeting in October, and he would see that the Council members would get it.

OTHER BUSINESS: The Planning Session date was set for October 20, 1982, at 6:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers.

OTHER BUSINESS: Construction of the Road at Dustin/Agri-Business Farm. What about the status of the road, construction? Are we going to pay it, or are they going to pay it what's going to happen? The Chief stated that a settlement had not been made on the road at the Dustin/Agri-Business as of yet, and that they are still working on it. Mr. McIntosh requested that the person requesting payment should be notified of a decision as he has intentions of filing suit against the Creek Nation. Mr. Childers requested that the Council be informed as to the status of this situation on the twentieth of October at the next Planning Session.

OTHER BUSINESS: Upon the completion of all discussion the Chair entertained a motion for adjournment.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Lamey and seconded by Cloud to adjourn the meeting. Upon a motion duly made, seconded and by a unanimous vote of approval, the meeting was adjourned.

BENEDICTION: Helen Chupco.

